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THE SUBSCRIPTION LISTS AT THE RECENT FESTIVAL.

WHILE it would never occur to us wantonly to go out of the way for the purpose of giving offence to any section of the Craft, we are so convinced that those who have taken upon themselves to criticise our analyses of former subscription lists, have had so little heed for the motives which influenced us that we hesitate not to submit a similar analysis of the subscriptions to the recent Boys' Festival. As we are moved by the same purpose now as on the previous occasions, and in order that this purpose may not, for the third time, run the chance of being misunderstood, we tell our readers again why it is we make these analyses. We said in February, when we discussed the aspect of the List at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, we said again last week, in answer to Lord Leigh's criticism of our conduct, and we repeat now, that our sole object is to show not only what has been done for the Boys' School this year and by whom, but likewise, and indeed as a natural consequence, "where brethren of energy may find fields open to them in their zealous promotion of the cause of charity." We have before remarked, and we remark again, that "it is not just that the same brethren should be called upon to repeat their donations every year, while others are entirely overlooked, and left out in the cold." We are anxious "the support accorded to our Institutions" should be "not sectional, but general." We are aware that many of those who did not figure on the previous occasion have given freely and without stint at the other Festivals. Some gave last year, others may be reserving themselves for the work of 1877. Others again are active in supporting local Masonic charities. Still, when we have made every possible allowance for every possible contingency, there is yet a very considerable section of the Craft which, for reasons we will not stop to inquire into, is "entirely overlooked and left out in the cold." We have no reason for supposing this section is less mindful of its duties. We do not doubt their contributions will be forthcoming when their support is solicited. It is quite on the cards that those who give not are as liberally disposed as those who give. We may analyse a list as it appears in these columns, but we shall not undertake the thankless task of analysing people's motives, nor were it Masonic we should do so. We are content with pointing out who do and who do not give in the recent list. We wish it, moreover, to be understood that we are not going to establish an invidious comparison between this and that Province or Lodge. We have no wish to force people into giving. Gifts so given partake of the character of a forced levy. They are not unlike the "benevolences" of old, to which the sovereign helped himself, whether his subjects were willing or not. In short, we state the plain facts of the case. We leave it to others to draw what inferences they think proper. Having, for these very obvious reasons, been as careful as we can be to guard ourselves against every possible misconception of our motives, we now pass to the consideration of the last subscription list.

The amount of the contributions this year to the Boys' School, as published in our last issue, represents the very handsome total of £12,100, with twenty lists still to come in. As previously, we class them under three categories—London, the Provinces, and Abroad. Of these, London, represented by eighty-three Lodges, two Chapters, and a Mark Lodge, contributes £4,675. Last year eighty-two

Lodges and two Chapters figured in the list, the Mark Degree being represented by "Royal Sussex," No. 75, with £514. Of the Lodges no less than forty-eight and one Chapter appear both years. According to Grand Lodge Calendar for 1875, there were 212 London Lodges; in 1876 the number had increased to 224 Lodges, and others have since been consecrated. It follows then that about one-third, more or less, of the London Lodges have not contributed to the support of the Boys' School, at all events, since 1874, at the Annual Festivals. Some of these of course, may have given at odd times during one or other of these two years, while others have supported the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, or the Girls, one or both. Still there must be a considerable number in which the cause of Masonic Charity is "entirely overlooked and left out in the cold." We advise our more energetic brethren to bestir themselves, and prevent the recurrence of a like misfortune in future years. For the remark, by no means original, will bear repetition, that what is of general interest should be supported generally. The Provinces are down for £7,384. There are, as our readers are aware, 41, or taking Beds, Isle of Man, and the Channel Islands into account, 44 Provinces, or groups of Lodges in England. Thirty-one of these are included in this year's list, the thirteen absentees being Beds, five Lodges; Bristol, eight Lodges; Cambridgeshire, four Lodges; Dorset, thirteen Lodges; Herefordshire, four Lodges; Monmouth, eight Lodges; Northampton and Hunts, eight Lodges; South Wales, Western Division, eight Lodges; Worcestershire, ten Lodges; Yorkshire North and East Ridings, twenty-two Lodges; Man, three Lodges; Jersey, seven Lodges; and Channel Islands, four Lodges. Of these, however, five, namely: Bristol, Dorset, Northampton and Hunts, South Wales—West, and Yorkshire North and East, contributed in 1875. Still, it remains that eight Provinces or groups are not among the contributing bodies to this Institution, either in 1875 or 1876. Of the provinces included in the list, Berks and Bucks, with fifteen Lodges, is down for £132, the representative Lodges being 771 (Windsor), 945 (Abingdon), and 1101 (Reading), its contribution last year being over £280. Cheshire comprises thirty-eight Lodges, gives a similar amount, and is represented by the same number of Lodges, 425 (Chester), 537 (Birkenhead), and 1357 (Sale). Bro. Hughan acted as steward for the Province of Cornwall (twenty-four Lodges), and very zealously must he have worked, for the amount of his list is largely in excess of any other steward's, and amounted to no less a sum than £453, including the twenty guineas voted recently to our worthy brother by the P.G.L. for his expenses, and by him transmitted to this Institution. Cumberland and Westmoreland include seventeen Lodges, the aggregate of whose subscriptions reaches a total of £147. This Province and Cornwall were not in last year, but Cheshire was represented by three Lodges, for a lesser amount. Derbyshire, with seventeen Lodges, figured both last year and this, four Lodges sustaining its honour at each festival. A Sidmouth Lodge (No. 164), and an East Stonehouse (No. 189), the latter with £173 and odd shillings, do battle for Devonshire. A Seaham Harbour Lodge (No. 661) represents the twenty-three Lodges of Durham, the stewards' lists reaching the very considerable amount of £275. Two of the fifteen Essex Lodges contribute together close upon £145. Gloucestershire includes fourteen Lodges, four of which are represented, and contribute together over £276, while the twenty-eight Lodges in Hants and the Isle of Wight are represented by four of their number, whose joint subscriptions just exceed £176,

The compact little province of Herts, with its nine or ten Lodges, is very worthily represented by the Gladsmuir, whose W.M., Bro. James Cutbush, furnished a contribution of close on £83. There are forty Lodges in Kent, nine of which sent Stewards, whose exertions resulted in the handsome total of £660, short by a few pence only. The Eastern Division of Lancashire is the strongest of all our Provinces as regards the number of its Lodges. There are now eighty-two of these, and last year there were just eighty. Three only, one being a Manchester, are on this year's list against five, including two Manchester, in 1875, and eighty-four guineas is the outcome of the Stewards' exertions. It should be noted that this most important town of Manchester, the centre of the cotton trade, and one of the richest in England, was not on the Girls' or Benevolent Lists either last year or this, in spite of having seventeen Lodges, while as to the Boys' School, No. 62 (ten guineas each time by the hands of the steward), and No. 645 are the only two which have appeared in either list since 1874. Here, then there is manifestly a grand field open for the display of energy, and we trust this self-evident fact will not be forgotten between now and the festivals of next year. West Lancashire is represented by two of its seventy-one Lodges, and figures for one hundred guineas, but its support of Lord Skelmersdale at the Benevolent Festival was on a grand scale, and we have already said it is not just the same Lodges should be so frequently called upon. Leicester and Rutland has nine Lodges, and contributes only a small sum (£12 10s), but last year it did its duty admirably, to the extent of over £181. Lincolnshire seldom allows a Festival to pass without some kind of contribution; a sum of over £245 is the amount on this occasion. It has also in the course of these two years given over £540 to the Girls', and over £570 to the Benevolent. Middlesex contributes £121, was on last year's list, as well as among the contributing provinces to both our other Institutions. Norfolk stands for forty-three guineas, Northumberland for somewhat in excess of £300. No. 1434 does duty for Notts. Oxford has only seven Lodges, but it stands well in the lists for both 1875 and 1876. Somersetshire subscribes to this festival the moderate sum of sixty-nine guineas, but it held a foremost place in 1875, over £540 being the sum of its contributions. Staffordshire, which gave £221 last year, is within a fraction of £300 this. Suffolk, Surrey, and Sussex are among the provinces which figure at both festivals, and so is Warwickshire. Last year two Birmingham Lodges did duty for the province, and their labours resulted in the subscription of £380. This year its G.M., Lord Leigh, presided, and Warwickshire was determined to show itself worthy of its president. Accordingly, over eighty brethren took upon themselves the labours and responsibilities of Stewards, with a result never previously exceeded in the chronicles of Masonic Charity. The aggregate of the Warwickshire subscription is exactly £2,000, or nearly one-sixth of the whole product of the Festival. We note likewise, to the credit of Birmingham, that every one of its fourteen Lodges is represented, indeed of the twenty-six Warwickshire Lodges there is only one unrepresented by a Steward or Stewards. Lord Leigh has said that some former remarks of ours were personal to himself and his Province. For this reason is it we have gone somewhat out of our way both here and in our opening comments to particularise the case of Warwickshire. It gives us great pleasure to note its recent exploit in the service of Masonic charity, and we shall be still better pleased if our Warwickshire critics will not go out of their way to misinterpret our purpose. North Wales, Salop, South Wales—East, Wilts, and West Yorkshire gave both last year and this, the last over £800 in 1875 and close upon £340 in 1876. We think it right to give some prominence to this fact, as it was this particular Province which took so leading a part in a recent painful controversy. We said we anticipated something of this kind only a week or two since, and we gladly record this fulfilment of our hopes. From abroad somewhat over £100 is down as the contributions of the Punjab District and Greece. Such then is the result of the year 1876, which will only be a little less productive than its immediate predecessor. It is a grand result to be able to record that in two years the funds of the Boys' School have been benefited to the extent of £25,000 and some few hundreds over. Well done, Stewards! We congratulate you most heartily, Bro. Binckes.

ANGLICAN INTOLERANCE IN LINCOLNSHIRE.

WE are never surprised when we read that a new attack has been made on Freemasonry by some member, more or less prominent, of the Romish section of the Catholic Church. We know the bitterness of feeling which animates its priesthood. We know, indeed, full well why it is so bitter against us. A body of men that dares to have an opinion of its own on certain questions of importance, a body which not only will not sanction, but strictly forbids its members from taking people to task for their religious and political convictions, is sure to be regarded with hostility by those who deny freedom of thought to any but themselves. We expect the priests of the Roman Church to attack us frequently and fiercely, and as a matter of fact, we think that Freemasonry prospers more the more Romanism confers on us this otherwise invidious distinction. The Bishop of Orleans, Pope Pius IX., and others have condemned us utterly, and the more they have done so the more have we flourished. We confess, however, the picture of a clergyman of the Church of England exhibiting a like antagonism to the Craft is not to our taste. It bespeaks, in the first place, what we fear must be written down as the insolent assumption of a narrow-minded priest, that all his clerical brethren who belong to our brotherhood are, *ipso facto*, unworthy the blessings of Christianity. At least, this identical clergyman, whom, for the benefit of our readers, we particularise as the Rev. Wm. John Wylie, of Brigg, in Lincolnshire, and with whose illiberal action towards Masonry we have become acquainted through the instrumentality of our Rev. Bro. Daniel Ace, D.D., Vicar of Laughton, Gainsborough, in the same county—this clergyman, we repeat, denied our brethren, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, the use of his church for the purpose of praying and expressing their sense of thankfulness to the G.A.O.T.U. for blessings received. This privilege of praying in a house of God is, as Dr. Ace very properly points out, accorded to convicts. The Rev. Mr. Wylie denies it to Masons, notwithstanding a neighbouring clergyman and many other clerical members of the Anglican Church belong to our Craft. In the next place, Mr. Wylie exhibits a most profound ignorance, as well as—we do not like writing so sharply, but it is our duty—an utter want of that Charity which a certain inspired writer has told us is the basis of Christianity. Who should illustrate the beautiful love for God and our neighbour, which Christianity enjoins on all men, more unceasingly or more emphatically than a priest of the Christian Church? Even if Masons are a godless set of people, that is, indeed, the greater reason why they should not be denied the benefit of prayer when they seek it. If Mr. Wylie knew what Masonry was, what it practised and preached, he never would have descended to so low a level as to set the precepts of his religion at defiance, for the purpose of denouncing us, by act, if not in word. We have made these remarks in sorrow, not in anger. Let Mr. Wylie read our Constitutions, and, to mention no others, the various works of the late Dr. Oliver, and we dare venture to think he will have a higher opinion of Freemasonry, and in future, perhaps, may prove himself a more orthodox exponent of Christian Charity.

FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

We have been requested to make the following corrections in amounts collected for the Boys' School Festival of last week:—

Province of Cornwall, per W. J. Hugan, should be £453 12s.

Doric Lodge, No. 933, per John G. Stevens, S.W. P.M. 554, should be £228 18s.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178, per Joseph Stock J.D., should have been £66 3s; this latter amount was put right in part of our issue last week.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart will propose at the meeting of the Girls' School, to be held to-day:—

"That considering the satisfactory condition of the funds of the School, ten of the unsuccessful Candidates at the last election highest on the Poll, be admitted without further election, at the same time as those already elected, and that arrangements be made for their reception in the Infirmary until the alterations now in progress at the School are completed."

HISTORIES OF OUR LODGES.

WE have much pleasure in reproducing, from the *Southampton Times*, of 27th April 1872, the able History of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130, Southampton, by our lamented Brother J. Rankin Stebbing, P.G.D. (late Deputy Prov. G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight). In last week's issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE we reprinted a transcript of the Warrant, issued by the "Ancients" in A.D. 1772, which is inserted in the Bye-Laws of the Lodge.

The history is a most curious one indeed, as it is quite evident, from an examination of the records, that the members had two warrants, one being from the *regular* Grand Lodge, and the other from the "Ancients," the Lodge being fond of playing the "Modern" tune at one time, and the "Ancient" at another.

Our readers will doubtless be glad of the particulars afforded in the racy sketch by an old and esteemed friend and P.M. of the Lodge, now, alas! to be reckoned amongst the departed.

ROYAL GLOUCESTER LODGE.

THE ancient and honourable institution of Freemasonry affords numerous instances of long established Lodges, and in our own province many exist that much exceed one hundred years from their original formation. Cowes, Winchester, Ringwood, and Bournemouth are amongst the number. The history of the Lodge of Hengists in the last-named town has been ably written by the Rev. Bro. P. H. Newnham, its W. Master in 1870, and is commended to the perusal of the studious Mason; but the history of the Royal Gloucester Lodge is one peculiarly its own, and it is proposed to give that history at some considerable length, connecting with it the highly interesting proceedings of this most auspicious day, the distinguished presence of the most Worshipful Grand Master, his Grand Officers, his highly popular representative in this province, Bro. Beach, and the Provincial Grand Officers, the Masters, Officers, and members of the local Lodges, as well as many from other parts of Hampshire, and especially and prominently so large an attendance of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, all mark abundantly a great day for Masonry and a great testimony to the amity and brotherly love which should ever exist amongst Masons.

It is not proposed at this time to dwell on the antiquity of Freemasonry, but it is necessary to say, in reference to the Royal Gloucester Lodge, that in 1717 there existed two great Masonic bodies known by the name of the Antient or York Masons, and afterwards the Athol Masons, claiming to be the Grand Lodge of all England, and another the Modern or London Masons, afterwards called the Sussex Masons, adopting the title of the Grand Lodge of England. This latter body was so far re-constituted in 1717 as to admit as members of the Masonic body persons who were not practically associated with architecture, and then for the first time, gentlemen, professional men, and persons of various occupations were admitted into Masonry, provided they had the advantage of good character, were free by birth, and of the full age of 21; though at one time no one was admitted under 25 years, and now in our own more advanced age freedom by birth is not insisted upon.

Under this former body (the York or Athol Masons) the Royal Gloucester Lodge came into existence, though not then having that or any distinctive name, but simply "No. 174." It may, however, be observed that amongst the papers of the late Bro. Slade the Lodge was called (and evidently from some authority he had seen) the Holy Trinity, No. 174, the manuscript book containing which is in the hands of Bro. P.M. Hickman. Nor can this designation be discarded from certain considerations that may present themselves, as many of the prayers and invocations in use at the time were specially of a Christian character.

The first meeting of the Lodge was held, under dispensation, on the 12th day of January, and again on the 4th of February 1772, the founders being Jos. Adams, a schoolmaster, and Edwin Jones, a sail-maker, afterwards in the warrant as W. Master and Senior Warden. At this time the Thos. Widdell whose name appears in the warrant as Senior Warden was not a Mason, but was made one on the 6th of February following by dispensation, in consideration, as is entered on the minutes, of W. St. Barbe (who acted as Warden on the 12th of January) going to sea, and in order to keep up the Lodge. No delay seemed to have been allowed, for the Lodge met again on the 12th, 15th, and 26th of February, the 11th, and 30th of March, and the 8th and 16th of April. They proposed, balloted for, entered, and passed Mr. Antram and Captain M. Smetham on one and the same evening, and afterwards had a lecture on the "Prentice and Craft," and on the 22nd of April 1772, the Lodge was formally constituted, as is thus extracted from the minute book of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Freemasons, from 1769 to 1773.

ENTRY.

Grand Lodge opened at one o'clock, at the Vine Tavern, Southampton, in the County of Hampshire, on the 22nd day of April 1772. 5772.

GRAND SECRETARY DICKEY IN THE CHAIR.

By an authority (for three hours only) from the Right Worshipful Lau. Dermott, Esq., D.G. Master constituted.

Mr. JOSEPH ADAM, Master.
EDWIN JONES, Senr. Warden.
THOS. NEDDELL, Junr. Warden.

Warrant, No. 174; Registered in Vols. 7, Letter T.

Present Bernard Gillin, of Lodge 172.	£	s	d
Cash received for warrants - - -	1	2	6
Grand Charity - - -	1	1	0
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Closed at 3 o'clock, and adjourned to the next General Grand Lodge.

The warrants for "three hours only" was the custom in those days when Brethren were deputed to hold Grand Lodges, but to prevent any misuse of that power their authority lasted only for a very limited and specified time.

The Lodge was therefore formed and constituted under the Athol constitution, and was always an "ancient" Lodge, and very frequently a modern Lodge, for many years keeping two sets of books and corresponding with each Grand Lodge as a true and faithful ancient or modern Lodge, as best suited the occasion, but in its early days very faithful to the Athol Grand Lodge for a very lengthened period. So severely did the ancient and modern Masons keep apart, that although the difference in their ceremonies was very trifling, they were not allowed to visit each other's Lodges unless re-made according to the form of the Lodge they desired to join: thus Febrary 12 is this entry:—In order to strengthen the Lodge *rose* Bro. Thomas Widdell to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, also entered, passed, and raised Bro. Josh. Truelove, "he being a modern Mason." The Lodge met now with great regularity and success, sixteen meetings and thirteen initiations in 1772, twenty-one meetings and six initiations in 1773, twenty-eight and five in 1774, and so on with increasing numbers and success. Joseph Booth, William Wakeford, William Graves, Phil Osbaldiston, Thomas Adney Payne were among those initiated, and may possibly be predecessors of present families of that name. Many persons of Guernsey and Sunderland were also initiated, and very many of Portsmouth and Winchester. The lectures were given with great regularity, modern Masons were rigorously excluded, the brethren attended Divine service in procession, and so the Lodge progressed till 1784, when, a subscription having been previously raised for the purpose, the brethren moved from the Vine Tavern to a spacious and private room and other premises in East-street, in the same town. St. John's Day appears to have been always kept with great strictness, for they were summoned 8th June 1785, at 8 o'clock in the morning. The singers were desired to attend to sing an anthem, and the brethren to appear in aprons and gloves, at their own expense. At 11 o'clock the Lodge proceeded in form to Holy Rood Church, thirty-three in number, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. Richard Mant. Twice in 1786 the master was fined for not sending the keys in time, and the treasurer for keeping the books. Several brethren were excluded the Lodge for non-payment of dues. Brethren who were non-resident continued to be proposed, balloted for, and made and passed the same evening, and 2nd May 1790, the Rev. Thos. Rook was made a Mason, being the first clergyman on the list.

The banquets appear to have been frequently got up *in kind*, of which the following entry gives a sample:—

Br. Baker - - - -	to find a ham
Br. Steele - - - -	" a quarter of lamb
Br. Graves - - - -	" bread, biscuits and lemons
Br. Amor - - - -	" a couple of fowls
Br. Osbaldiston - - - -	" a pudding
Br. Edwards - - - -	" sauce for the salmon
Br. Macklin - - - -	" a pigeon pie
Br. Muzzle - - - -	" a ditto
Br. Hart - - - -	" a gooseberry pie
Br. Jacobs - - - -	" a bushel of peas
Br. Figes - - - -	" a Cranbury pie
Br. Wm. Baker - - - -	" a salad
The Lodge - - - -	" a salmon

In 1792 some important matters took place. 2nd August the Lodge met to consider an offer from Mr. Thomas Dunckerley, Provincial Grand Master, under the Modern Grand Lodge, to consider the propriety of accepting a Dispensation to hold a Lodge under the Prince of Wales, and the ballot being taken there appeared for 11, against 4, and on the 8th August a dispensation was received, and the Lodge now became

The Royal Gloucester Lodge,

and number 503, under the new Registration.

On the 3rd of August, and probably connected with the foregoing, the foundation stone of All Saints' Church was laid, with all due Masonic pomp, by Thomas Dunckerley, P.G. Master. The *Hants Chronicle* stated that a vast number of Brethren attended from the Isle of Wight and the most remote parts of Hampshire. The ancient Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in this town, in order to qualify themselves to form in procession at the laying the foundation stone of All Saints' Church, obtained a Modern Institution, the night before, from Thomas Dunckerley P.G.M. The procession returned to the Audit-house, where an oration was delivered by Bro. Thomas Jeans, M.D., of Southampton.

The circumstances of the *Hants Chronicle* speaking of Lodges, and another publication of the oration having been delivered at the Audit-house, renders it probable that another Lodge was associated in this goodly work; for a Lodge, called the Lodge of Concord, also an ancient Lodge, then existed at Southampton, and assembled at the Audit-house, many of the Corporation and principal inhabitants belonging to it. A few names subjoined (members of that Lodge) will be familiar to Southampton ears:—

Ward, James Amyatt, Peter Gauntlett, Thomas Smith, John Fuller, Richard Vernon Moody, Thomas Ridding, George Waring, John Edwards, George Frederick Pitt, Bryan Edwards, Hon. H. F. Forbes, Dr. Jeans, Samuel Harrison, John Keele, William Jolliffe, John Jolliffe, and as many as ten clergymen. James Grierson was at one time Master of the Lodge, and the handsome ebony and ivory working tools of the Lodge came into the hands of Bro. Charles Deacon, who presented them to the Royal Gloucester Lodge, and

when the Lodge of Concord broke up, the members remaining gave the portrait of their first Master, Lord Montague, to this Lodge, and it now graces these walls. The Lodge of Concord existed as far back, at least, as 1778, and probably became dormant in 1812, though it remained on the Masonic Calendar till 1817, but no vestige of its warrant or books remains.

Referring again to the Royal Gloucester Lodge, Bro. Dunckerley now appears to have paid it great attention. He attended a Lodge of Emergency, 17th of September 1792, and with a warrant of constitution regularly constituted the Lodge. He appointed Bro. Grierson his D.P.G.M., and made other grand officers of the province, and on his own proposition he and Bro. Grierson became members of the Lodge, a new book of proceedings was ordered, and the Lodge then seemed to have left the ancient body of Freemasons.

This, however, was never really done, but the brethren thenceforth were sometimes ancient and sometimes modern Masons, and it must be confessed, in a somewhat stealthy style, for in the ancient book, 24th of June, it is agreed to hold a Lodge, and that the transaction shall be entered into the old book, as before; and on looking to the Royal Arch Book of proceedings of a corresponding date, it is ordered that the Grand Lodge dues for this ancient society shall be paid out of the Royal Arch Chest.

The custom in the Lodge from 1772 to 1792 was invariably to appoint the Master and officers for six months only, and it was probably a general practice, as the minute books of the Lodge of Economy, Winchester, show a similar system. At this time the Master and officers were chosen for the year, the Lodge, and not the W. Master, appointing the officers.

The Lodge continued to progress very favourably, the lectures were frequently delivered, and the Lodge sometimes opened as a modern and sometimes as an ancient Lodge. September 22nd 1795, Bro. Dr. Jeans D.P.G.M., and Master of the Lodge of Concord, attended, and obtained names of all the members, and delivered a lecture on the 1st degree. In 1796, 23rd March, Mr. Rice was proposed as a member by the W. Master, but being a Quaker, the ballot was deferred till the opinion of the Grand Lodge was taken, and, 13th April, the Grand Secretary of the Ancient Grand Lodge wrote that he could not be admitted.

In more modern times Grand Lodge takes a very different view of things, and, with its entire approval, several members of the Society of Friends have been initiated in the Royal Gloucester Lodge.

It seems to have been the custom at this time to instal the Wardens as well as the Masters of the Lodge; and it is on record that the late Grand Secretary, Bro. W. H. White, stated that at one time he had been installed Senior Warden of a Lodge, and took an obligation, 1798, June 27th. It was agreed to drop the modern constitution, and not to work under it any more; and on the 14th of October 1799, a letter is written to the D.P.G.M. to say that, being all registered in the Ancient Grand Lodge under the Duke of Athol, they beg to discontinue their modern warrant. This seems not to have been carried out, for on the 8th of September 1802, two sets of returns are made, and one sent to each Grand Lodge. On the 24th of June 1803, the brethren agreed to continue the warrant under the Duke of Athol; but on the following 14th of September this was reversed, and the same changeableness seems to have characterized all the proceedings; and finally, at the union in 1814, the brethren renounced their modern 503 warrant, and adopted the Athol warrant, No. 174, by which we now celebrate our centenary in 1872, instead of 1892, and our ancient brethren remained faithful to their original constitution. It may not be uninteresting to the brethren to be informed that all Lodges in the Masonic Calendar without dates were originally Ancient or Athol Lodges, and those with dates modern or Sussex Lodges; and that, although this Lodge appears next to 1763, it cannot claim an older date than 1772, though entitled to the seniority preceding 1764.

The Royal Gloucester Lodge gave its first ball and supper 8th January 1813, and in 1814 Colonel Sherborne Stewart, of the Great Salters, became P.G. Master, and in the same year, to the great benefit of the Masonic fraternity, the two opposing Grand Lodges became one. This was established upon an enduring and lasting basis the United Grand Lodge of England, the most powerful Grand Lodge in existence, and extending its beneficent sway over the greater portion of the civilized world.

Here, in 1814, the Lodge of Concord disappeared, and the Royal Gloucester Lodge became the only Masonic body in the town, taking the new number of 212, and so matters remained for some fourteen or fifteen years.

In 1815 the Provincial Grand Lodge assembled at Southampton. Under Colonel Stewart and Dr. Jeans the Lodge progressed very satisfactorily, many influential residents were initiated, amongst them Sir William de Crespigny Bart., Sam Le Feuvre, John Witt, Joseph Lobb, now happily amongst us, and upwards of fifty years a Mason. Sir Wm. de Crespigny having become W. Master of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, was in 1821 appointed to the office of P.G.M. The Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, of blessed memory, came down and initiated him, and the Lodges of Hampshire assembled in great strength to pay homage to their illustrious chief, the Worshipful the Mayor and Corporation gave many facilities, and joined the Masonic body in the procession to church.

Shortly after, Abel Rous Dottin, one of the members for the borough, the Rev. W. Waring, Admiral Bullen, Dr. Shadwell, Wm. J. Le Feuvre, the father of the present immediate Past Master of the Lodge, Thomas White Clement, Stephen Judd, Charles Davis, Charles Maul, Captain Ranier and others, whose memory is still cherished by many in this town, were initiated into Freemasonry. In 1826 Charles Ewens Deacon, the father of this Lodge and Senior Past Master, was initiated. He is happily present this evening, and long may he live to receive the grateful recognition of his brother Masons. In 1827 Bro. Abraham, the father of our excellent treasurer, became a joining member, and, the numbers increasing, on the 4th of February 1829 a new Lodge was formed, called the Southampton Lodge, and of whom Sir John Millbank became the first Master, and Edward Bryant and Joseph Lobb first Wardens, the Lodge then meeting at

Benwell's rooms, but now occupying the same premises as the Royal Gloucester Lodge, the members of both Lodges being on terms of much good feeling and mutual respect. In the years 1835-36 Bro. Deacon occupied the Master's chair, and revived the Lodge from a temporary dullness. On leaving the chair he received a very handsome jewel from the members of the Lodge, a presentation that had then very rarely been made to any one.

The Lodge had removed in 1823 from East-street to the present Masonic Hall, but the hall got into private hands, and in 1838 was nearly lost to the brethren by a sale for commercial purposes. Bro. P. M. Deacon, with immense energy, rallied a few of the brethren around him, and in two or three days succeeded in raising £1,300 in fifty-two shares of £25 each. The Masonic body now found a home for Masonry, which, though not now sufficient for the increasing numbers, has been a source of great comfort and happiness to the brethren, and of great advantage to the Lodge.

Bro. Stebbing having folded up the paper from which he had read the foregoing, proceeded to say: Leaving the hasty sketch of the Lodge's history now brought down to times within the memory of many then present, and which would probably be more completely given to the Craft at an early day, he had but to glance at a few interesting points in conclusion, and especially at the names of several brethren amongst them whose families, in various relations, had been members of the Royal Gloucester Lodge. Three of the Le Feuvre family were amongst the number, and one, Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, their present well-skilled immediate Past Master, was now on the dais. Two of the Lobb family, father and son—to the former of whom he had before had the pleasure of referring—and one case of especial interest, that of Bro. Abraham Abraham, formerly Sheriff of Southampton, and the first gentleman of the Jewish persuasion who ever held that office in any town in England, and who, with the worthy Treasurer of the Lodge, Bro. Henry Abraham, then on his right hand, afforded, he believed, the only instance in the Royal Gloucester Lodge where both father and son served the honourable office of Master. The father of the present W. Master was a member of the Lodge, and Past Master of another, affording a somewhat similar, but not the interesting instance of both father and son being Masters of one and the same Lodge. Three brothers of the Perkins family were members of the Lodge, all men of mark and energy in the town, and two of them were present that day, Bro. George Perkins, who was excellent in office, and Bro. Frederick Perkins, who not only served more than once as Master of the Lodge, but had been four or five times Mayor of Southampton, to the great advantage of the municipality. Both J. R. and A. H. Weston had also been Masters of the Lodge, full of usefulness and thorough men of business—the pleasure of the company of the former was much dimmed by the absence and serious illness of the latter. He referred with pleasure to his amiable friend Bro. Edward Coxwell, having been Master of the Lodge, and his eldest son, Captain Coxwell, one of the members; and lastly and sadly to say, another Past Master, who had worked so well in preparation for that celebration, and who stood so high in the province as Grand Secretary, was, with his eldest son, also a Mason, now sorrowing over the remains of their much-loved son and brother, who only forty-eight hours since had been, in very early manhood, called to another and a better world. The portraits of some of the present and many of the former Masonic worthies now adorned that hall, and some of the public acts of the Masons of the town and county were a part of the history of Southampton. He had alluded to their laying the foundation-stone of All Saints' Church, and they formed an important portion of the Masonic body that assisted Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis in a similar work at the commencement of the Southampton Docks, now one of the most successful commercial undertakings in the town; and the W. Master of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, Bro. Trew, had in olden time, accompanied by its members, laid the foundation-stone of the Royal South Hants Infirmary—an institution devoted to purposes so entirely akin to Freemasonry, and flourishing in the blessed work of diminishing human suffering and soothing the afflictions of their neighbours and fellow-townsmen. He had but to refer once more to the centenary of that Lodge, to the long and peaceful course that it had had. There had been no cessation to its meetings for a hundred years—customarily every month, but frequently much oftener; and that day it commenced a second centenary, with the highest hopes and under the brightest auspices, graced, as the presiding genius, with the Sovereign of the Order, and surrounded by the brethren of every grade in Masonry. Long, long in the memory of those present would live the distinguished visit of the Marquis of Ripon and the kindness of the Mayor, the reception of the Corporation, and his Lordship's most courteous bearing and eloquent address, the brilliant array of Grand Officers that surrounded him; and the presence of the much-loved Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Beach, and his officers, would, in their recollection in the future, be almost as dazzling as to-day. The hundreds of Masons in their various Lodges now courteously present would long be gratefully remembered, whilst the crowd of brethren of the Gloucester Lodge, to swell the pleasing picture of Masonic rejoicing, would ever and anon be the theme of congratulation. Their visiting brethren that day would not soon forget the architectural beauty of the hall in which they were assembled, bearing a reasonable comparison with that magnificent hall in the metropolis, the Home of Freemasonry, and probably the finest room in England. The splendid decorations of the place in which they were assembled, so fairy-like, so elegant, so Masonically appropriate, the richly-clothed brethren—the gold, the purple, the jewels, and the rich and varied paraphernalia of the Order—would, in years to come, be often talked of and seem to be but of a few years since; but let him be pardoned for saying that the visit of these distinguished Masons, however noble in rank or great in virtue, would at some distant time be less remembered, and the brilliancy of the scene gradually fade away. The highly wrought jewellery, the gay tinsel, the rich purple, and the fine linen, would succumb to the destroying hand of time, but the principles of Masonry faithfully applied would live for ever, and the gorgeous character of the scene and the happy proceedings of the day did not take his mind captive from the con-

sideration of the great good that that Lodge had effected over a period of a hundred years. It had begun in amity and friendship, and had promoted in Southampton the formation of many friendships, and brought together men of various opinions, creeds and politics, that would otherwise have been kept at an immeasurable distance. No unhappy differences had marred its progress, and it reached the centenary in peace and tranquillity, and with hearts dedicated to brotherly love. Over that hundred years it had taught loyalty to the Crown and a love for the peace and good order of society. Charity of thought and charity of deed had been a solemn inculcation; they educated the children of their decayed brethren, and found a home and an income for the old Mason and his widow; but whilst regarding the household of faith, their hands had been extended to the outer world. They well knew of frequent donations of ten guineas to the poor of the town, to the distress of Chicago, sometimes to Ireland, to India, or at home, always unsolicited, and with a free and open hand. He would not boast of private charity, but if many of the silent aids in cases of distress could be but known, the outer world would think more kindly of Freemasonry than sometimes they were inclined to do. It could, therefore, have been no small advantage to the town of Southampton that over one hundred years of time a body of men loyal to the throne, faithful to good order, devoted to charity, cultivating brotherly love, had lived and thrived in Southampton, and had now thought it right to hold a public rejoicing, and loudly celebrate the event; they had humbly offered their thanksgiving to the Giver of all good that day, and gratefully acknowledged the blessings that surrounded them. These high and lofty purposes far outstripped all the vast attractions of that day, and justified him in saying that the principles of Masonry would yet flourish in the freshness of immortal youth, survive the wreck of mighty empires, and resist the destroying hand of time. Mercifully spared as that Lodge had been for a period of one hundred years, and entering that day on the commencement of a second centenary, may the great Architect of the universe bless it in the future, prosper its career, extend its usefulness, put it in the hearts of the brethren to be kindly affectioned one towards another, to practice charity, to love mercy, and to be in all things an honour to their profession, and a credit and blessing to the town of Southampton in which they had the happiness to live.

ANTIEN AND PRIMITIVE MASONRY.

SOVEREIGN SANCTUARY.

A MEETING of the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry, 33rd and last degree, in and for Great Britain and Ireland, was duly held, at Manchester, on the 1st inst. The places of the three Principal Officers were filled by Illustrious Brothers John Yarker G.M.G., Charles Scott J.P., G.A.G., Beeby Bowman Labrey G.K.G. of G.B. Apologies were announced from three brethren who were absent, and unable to attend, either from the great distance or prior engagements. The minutes of the last Convocation were read and confirmed, as well as the proceedings since; firstly, as to the Order of Mizraim, that a fee of 10s should be charged to cover cost of certificate and manual, and a joining fee of 31s 6d to members of foreign jurisdictions for the same; secondly, as to the publication of the Statutes, Constitution and History. Satisfactory evidence of the progress of the Rite was adduced under Illustrious Bros. Alexr. B. Mott, M.D., of New York, and George Canning Longley, of Maitland, Canada; as also in this country.

The decoration of the Grand Star of Sirius (conferred every five years) was awarded to the Right Illustrious Bro. S. P. Leather, of Burnley, Treasurer General, for the zeal and ability he had shown in the propagation of the Rite: the next year's award of the Alidec to be made by the Grand Chancery, as also to any deserving cases for the Bronze Order of Merit.

The past dignitary officers were confirmed in the rank they now hold, but Illustrious Bro. B. B. Labrey was appointed Deputy to the Grand Chancellor General.

It was directed that two parts—Section V. (Areopagus), and Section VII. (Council)—of the Ritual should be placed in the printers hands as the funds of the Sovereign Sanctuary would allow. A revision of the 30° was submitted, and highly eulogised as the most beautiful ceremony in any known system of Masonry. The proceedings were closed with enthusiastic wishes for the progress of the Rite.

CANONGATE KILWINNING LODGE, No. 2, SCOTLAND.

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J.D.	„
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LORD LEIGH AND THE "FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE."

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have not the honour of knowing either the R.W. Bro. Lord Leigh, Prov. Grand Master of Warwickshire, or the editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, so I may be fairly termed a disinterested party in the present question as to the criticism of the editor, and Lord Leigh of the article, which appeared in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

I have carefully read the analysis of the Stewards' lists at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 9th February 1876 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 26th February), and can see no ground of complaint by the Province of Warwickshire, or indeed by any other Province alluded to as defaulters at that Festival. Indeed, I think that if the deservedly esteemed Lord Leigh will again peruse the "Leader" that his Lordship will agree with me in the opinion that the editor dealt with facts alone, and in no case did he cast any unfair or un-Masonic reflections on any Province whatever.

It is a difficult task to analyse the lists and contributions at our Masonic Festivals, and considering all the drawbacks, I think the editor did his self-imposed labours squarely and good naturedly. His aim, according to his statement, was to show his readers, not only what was done on that occasion, but also where brethren of energy may find fields open to them in their zealous promotion of the cause of charity * * * * the support accorded to our Institutions must be, not sectional, but general. Our Brother says he was at considerable pains in analysing the subscription list, and I believe him. In my opinion, however, no pains would prevent errors creeping in in such a work, as there is always the unknown in the way of making a complete review of the contributions of the whole of the Lodges. Many Lodges contribute from year to year without subscribing through the medium of Stewards, and it would be absurd to put down a Lodge or a Province as not contributing to our Institutions because their names were absent from the Stewards' lists.

If, however, their names were absent from the Stewards' lists—as the Provinces of Bedfordshire, Berks and Bucks, Cambridgeshire, Cornwall, Cumberland, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, &c., in reality were at the Festival in question—it would be but the simple truth to say as much, and also to note the fact that better they had been represented on such an occasion. Now this is all the editor has said, and yet, for saying so, Lord Leigh has thought it well to state that he considered (the article) somewhat personal to himself and his Province!

How can a remark be fairly considered personal when so many provinces are mentioned, and why should his Lordship consider that personal which in reality—if I know aught of the English language—is of a general character? I grant that the article in question leaves out of the analysis any account of contributions of the Lodges and provinces not represented at the Festival under consideration, but as the remarks of the Editor refer only to the Festival, why should they be strained to appear as if they had also to do with the side subscriptions, so to speak, of the brethren and Lodges in question?

I must say that I felt a little aggrieved myself at first to see my Province (Bristol) mentioned as a defaulter, for its contributions are not confined to the Festivals, as I well know, but on a closer inspection of the article, I plainly see that the Editor refers to the Festival alone, and so by such he must be judged, for Bristol was certainly unrepresented on that occasion, added to which, it is most desirable the contributions of each province should be massed at such times.

Fraternaly asking each and all of the brethren of the province of Warwickshire—the province this year for the "Boys"—to read the article carefully and impartially again, I conclude this "rough note" by expressing my admiration of the right noble support given by that province to their Provincial Grand Master as President of the Festival for 1876 of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,

I have the honour to remain,

Yours fraternally,

P.M.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.—THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Perhaps the following, which I have gathered from various sources, may help to elucidate the question raised by your correspondent, who signs himself "W. G. Releehw," respecting the status of Mark Master Masons.

First as to their status in England. As your correspondent appears to understand their position here, my remarks will be very brief. It will suffice if I state that in the brief historical sketch of The "Origin of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, &c, as set forth by order of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons," which precedes the authorised version of the Constitutions of the Mark Grand Lodge, all the information that can—as far as my poor judgment goes—be needed will be found. In Oliver's *Masonic Jurisprudence*, the fourth Section of Chapter V.—"the Status of a Master Mason"—is devoted

to a brief consideration of "Mark Masonry." The author tells us that, before the Union, the Mark Degree "was practised by many Lodges in conjunction with two or three others, which were unitedly denominated 'Ark, Mark and Link,' the Mark being "conferred without the authority of a separate warrant. We are then informed that "under some systems the Mark is divided into two degrees, one of which is called Mark Man, and conferred on a Fellow Craft; the other Mark Master, which comes after the third degree; while in others it is all comprised in one degree, as a necessary link to connect the second and third." Then follows a description, who, historically, were the "Mark Men," and who, "the Mark Masters." However, no difficulty is likely to arise here, for Mark Masonry is not recognised by our Grand Lodge.

Mackey, in his *Lexicon of Freemasonry*, defines the "Mark Master" as "the fourth degree in the York rite." In the United States, he says, "the Mark Master's is the first degree given in a Royal Arch Chapter." Further on he adds, that "until lately the degree was not given in England, and Royal Arch Masons, arising from that country, were obliged to be marked, before they could be permitted to enter the American Chapter."

In Scotland the case, as far as I can make out, stands thus.

Bro. Murray Lyon, at p. 71 of his valuable work on "Freemasonry in Scotland," says:—"The Mark Degree was introduced into Scotland at an advanced period of the last century, as a prerequisite for the reception of other steps, so called 'high degrees,' that in some Lodges had been surreptitiously dovetailed into the Masonic curriculum. It appears not to have been worked by the Lodge Journeymen till about 1789; by Mary's Chapel, not till 1869; by Kilwinning, never. William James Hughan of Truro has, in the following excerpt from the minutes of Lodge Operative, Banff, of date January 7, 1778, produced the earliest authentic record yet made known of the existence of the Mark Degree in Scotland: 'That in time coming all members that shall hereafter raise to the Degree of Mark Mason shall pay one mark Scots, but not to obtain the Degree of Mark Mason before they are passed Fellow-craft. And those that shall take the Degree of Mark Master Masons shall pay one shilling and sixpence sterling into the Treasurer for behoofe of the Lodge. None to attain to the Degree of Mark Master Mason until they are raised Master.'"

Bro. Lyon had previously (p. 69) stated that "the conferring of marks had no place in the Symbolical Degrees for the dissemination of which the Grand Lodge of Scotland was instituted; and so recently as 1838, in its deliverance upon an application from a daughter Lodge for permission to work the Mark Degree, that Grand Body held this step to belong to another Order of Masonry than that of St. John. This once repudiated Degree has, however, through the elasticity of the Scotch Constitution, since become grafted upon the second degree practised under Grand Lodge charters, a wide-spread feeling of repugnance to the multiplying of oaths, already held to be needlessly numerous, has prevented the step being adopted to any considerable extent. Its reintroduction to Mary's Chapel—if 're-introduction' it can be called—after an absence of a century and a half, was inaugurated in 1869."

Much else of interest will be found bearing on the subject of Marks in Bro. Lyon's work, but considerations of space forbid me extracting more.

But what say the Constitutions of Grand Lodge of Scotland on the subject? At p. 46 we read, "all Lodges holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland are strictly prohibited and discharged from holding any other meeting than those of the three Orders, viz.: Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason denominated, St. John's Masonry, the Mark forming part of the second degree (*though only to be conferred on Master Masons*)." At p. 2 we read, "the Grand Lodge of Scotland practises, and recognises no degrees of Masonry but those of Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, denominated SAINT JOHN'S MASONRY," and there is added in a foot-note, "including the Mark, which, however, Grand Lodge does not recognise as a separate degree."

In Bro. Chalmers Paton's, *Freemasonry and its Jurisprudence* we are told: "In Scotland, all Fellow Crafts are entitled to a Mark. This, according to legend, they all possessed in former times; and when the Royal Arch was instituted in Scotland, this degree was taken up and worked by them." We are next furnished with the agreement entered into "some time ago"—date not given—between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland; the following being "the Resolutions of the Committees appointed by "these two bodies" on *Mark Masonry*, and "declared to be held for the future as the *Laws and Statutes* of this Grand Lodge," viz.:

1. That all Lodges holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland shall be allowed to work this degree in virtue of the charters which they already possess.
2. That, to prevent confusion with brethren belonging to Lodges out of this Kingdom, or with Sister Grand Lodges, this degree, although held by the Grand Lodge, to be a second part of the Fellow Craft Degree, shall only be conferred on *Master Masons*, and the secrets shall only be communicated in presence of those who have taken it either from a Lodge or Chapter entitled to grant it.
3. That the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland shall adopt the same ritual in conferring the degree, being that now adjusted by their respective Committees.
4. That any candidate applying to be admitted to the Royal Arch Degree,—if he has received this degree in a regular Lodge of St. John's Masonry,—shall not be required to take it a second time from the Chapter into which he seeks admission, but, in the event of his not having received it, he shall be obliged to take it from that Chapter.
5. That, as regards the Royal Arch Degrees, this Degree shall be reckoned the fourth degree in Masonry.
6. That nothing contained in these Regulations shall interfere with the superintendence which the Supreme Grand Royal Arch

Chapter claims over Mark Masonry out of Scotland, or with the Lodges holding of it in England or abroad.

The quotation from Oliver and excerpt of Bro. Hughan, quoted by Bro. Lyon, will probably explain the association of the Mark with the degree of Fellow Craft, and yet that it must be conferred only on Master Masons. From the Scotch Constitutions and the extract from Bro. Paton I deduce, (1) that a Craft Lodge in Scotland may legally confer the Mark Degree on a Master Mason, but it is not recognised as "a separate degree," (2) "it is not necessary that a candidate for admission to the R.A. degree, who has already received the Mark Degree in a regular Craft Lodge, should receive it a second time from the Chapter; but if he has not, his reception of it from the Chapter is obligatory. Taking into account what Bro. Lyon describes as the "elasticity of the Scotch constitution," I should hesitate to say what may or may not be done in connection with the Mark Degree, but looking fairly and fully at the statement of your correspondent, I must certainly incline to the opinion that "issuing a distinct Diploma and charging a special fee" appears to be a very near approach to that recognition of the Mark as "a separate degree," which according to the footnote p. 2 of the Grand Lodge Constitutions already quoted, is distinctly forbidden.

In saying this, I am only expressing my opinion. Abler and more competent brethren must decide the point.

Fraternally yours,

"Q"

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am a fairly aged Mason, but having the misfortune to live in the country am poorly posted in Masonic Jurisprudence; however, having seen in your issue of the 17th ult. reports of R.A. Chapters 50 and 87, and noted the discussions that took place in these Chapters on the Mark Degree, some of our most enlightened Companions, such as Duthie and "Releehw" taking part in them, I waited with some curiosity, not unmixed with an itching for knowledge, for the "CHRONICLE," and am glad to find Bro. "W. G. R." asking from "Bro. Finckes," or any other, "enlightenment on the legal status of Mark Masters made under the authority of a Craft Lodge Charter." Allow me to ask, is it not sufficient for us "North of the Tweed" that, by both the laws of our Grand Lodge and S.G. Chapter, any Brother so advanced, is legally so?

Bro. "W. G. R." must recollect a Craft Lodge in Glasgow, some 16 or 17 years ago, being suspended by the P.G. Lodge of Glasgow for working the Mark Degree, and on appeal to Grand Lodge, that body, from the evidence produced, was "compelled to admit that the Mark Degree was, in point of fact, a part of the F.C. Degree." Hitherto, S.G. Chapter had full and undivided power over this Degree, now, it became necessary that a change should take place, and accordingly a joint committee of Grand Lodge and S.G. Chapter, agreed upon, and issued the enclosed circular, for which I hope you will try and find room in your next issue. "W. G. R." says, "several Craft Lodges have opened what they call 'Mark Lodges,' with separate officers, meeting on a different night, issuing a distinct diploma, and charging a special fee. All the distinctive features of a separate order, you will observe." This being the actual state of matters in Glasgow, but nowhere else, I am of opinion that, with the above exceptions, all those Lodges who practise the Mark Degree keep strictly within the bounds to which they are restricted by their charter.

I should like to see the reply of "Our Hercules" to the two last questions of "W. G. R."

Fraternally yours,

NOUS VERRONS.

The following is the circular referred to above:—

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

Freemasons' Hall, Grand Secretary's Office,
98 George-street, Edinburgh.

R.W. SIR AND BROTHER,—I have to direct your attention to the Resolutions of the Committees appointed by Grand Lodge and Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland on MARK MASONRY, which have been finally adopted by these two Bodies, and declared to be held for the future as the LAWS and STATUTES of this GRAND LODGE, viz.:

[Here follow the clauses Nos. 1 to 6, same as quoted by our correspondent "Q," and which we give in his letter.]

You will observe that the Mark Degree here mentioned, although held to be a part of the Fellow Craft Degree, is *only to be conferred on MASTER MASONs*, and *only to be communicated in presence of those who have already lawfully attained it*.

The Ritual, prepared in terms of the above Resolutions, lies here for reference, where all interested are invited to consult it.

The Grand Committee have not yet been able to report on the Degree of Chair Master.

I am, R.W. Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

5th November 1860.

JOHN LAURIE, G. Clerk.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Bilious Affections and Stomach Complaints.—Induced by atmospheric heat or too liberal diet, if not at once checked, are often attended with serious consequences. When any one finds his ideas less clear than usual, his eyesight dimmed, his head dizzy, while he is indisposed for all exertion, physical or mental, he may be sure that he is in immediate need of some cooling and purifying medicine. Let him send at once for a box of Holloway's Pills, after a few doses of which his head will be clear again, his spirits be elevated, and all his energies be restored. Printed directions, for the guidance of patients in the use of this admirable medicine, are affixed to every box.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.

Cui Bono? Masonry: What's the use of it? or, the last secret of Freemasonry revealed. Being Five Lectures on the Utility of Freemasonry, delivered by the late FRANCIS MASON, M.A., D.D., author of "Pali Grammar," "Karen Grammar," "Karen Trigonometry," "Burmah," "The Story of a Working Man's Life," &c., "Past Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Missonri, and Chaplain of Lodge Greenlaw, No. 1,095, Toungoo, Burmah. Edited by E. G. Man, Barrister-at-Law, Past Master, Lodge "Rangoon," District Grand Registrar in the District Grand Lodge, British Burmah. Printed for the editor by Cassell, Petter and Galpin.

THESE lectures were in the first instance delivered in open Lodge, but much new matter having since been added, the author takes upon himself all responsibility for the sentiments to which he gives expression. We imagine, however, his views will prove in the main acceptable. He is most enthusiastic in his advocacy of Freemasonry. He makes it apparent that the objections so frequently raised against it rest on no satisfactory basis, and that only the most wilful opponent can refuse to be convinced of the utter worthlessness of such objections. He is very methodical as well as very careful in his statements, his arguments being very skilfully strung together. His apology is, indeed, a great success, whether we look at it logically or as to its literary merits, and a brief sketch of the lectures may not prove altogether without interest to our readers.

The first two are devoted to a consideration of Ancient Masonry—in the one, as it was anterior, in the other, as it was posterior to Solomon. Our readers will, of course, be able to form some notion of the principal points referred to in these. We pass, therefore, to the Third Lecture. Herein are dealt with the "Passive Uses of Speculative Masonry." Having first noted the evils which must arise where class distinctions exist, and having pointed out that men are gregarious animals, or rather, as the author puts it, society-animals, he then proceeds to argue the necessity there is that some Ecumenical Society should be established, and he affirms that the germ of such a society already exists, and will be found in Freemasonry. In the next chapter are shown the "Aggressive Uses of Speculative Masonry." The title of this lecture is suggestive of a certain amount of violence, and violence, too, of a serious kind. The word "aggression" usually implies an offensive movement—offensive, that is to say, in more senses than one. This, however, is not the meaning here given to "aggression." It is intended to show the good that Freemasonry might effect if only it directed its attention to overcoming, by its influence and example, the many abuses to which men are liable. The aggression is intended to be directed against what is baneful to society, and here the writer enlarges on the amount of good of which Masonry is capable. No doubt, as its influence becomes greater, many of the evils we have such reason to complain of will disappear. Masonry is the one Order or Society which affords a common ground for men of different political and religious views to meet upon, and when men meet more frequently, they will necessarily work more harmoniously. Thus Freemasonry is the opponent of all that is discordant, and the steady progress it will certainly make against whatever disturbing elements exist may rightly be set down as among its "aggressive uses." The concluding Lecture, in which are set forth "the Unity of Love, the Unity of Masonry," sums up the author's case very admirably.

Having said this much, we leave the rest to our readers. Let them read, and determine for themselves whether these lectures are, or are not, worthy of the encomiums we have passed upon them. We have not the slightest misgiving as to the verdict they will pronounce. We feel sure they will be well satisfied that, even if any other line of defence, in protecting our Order from the attacks so pertinaciously made upon it had been thought preferable, the effect would not, by any means, have been more telling. Dr. Mason, whose death occurred so recently as March 1874, was a Mason of long standing, having completed, at the time of his death, a connection with Freemasonry extending over more than half a century. He had held office both in the United States and under the English Grand Lodge, and from his long and intimate acquaintance with the meaning of our mysteries he was better able than most brethren to form a just conclusion of its merits and power. We trust the publication of these lectures, which have been most carefully edited by Bro. E. G. Man, will prove of service both to the widow, who, we are very sorry to hear, is left in not over prosperous circumstances, and the Craft. We are sure it will enhance, if that, at least, be possible, the respect in which this earnest exponent of Masonry was held by all sections of the Brotherhood. A few essays such as these will be of undoubted good in furthering the cause of Masonry.

The Royal Masonic Cyclopædia. History, Rites, Symbolism and Biography. Edited by KENLTH H. MACKENZIE, ("Cryptonymus"). Part IV. London: Bro. John Hogg, 15A Paternoster Row, E.C.

THIS Part takes us as far forward in the alphabet as the letter N, which is completed up to Nov. We find everywhere in it the same evidences of care in the compilation and selection of matter, the same power of easy condensation, very few of the articles extending to any length, while all are fully explanatory of the subjects they deal with. Precision and clearness are two of Bro. Mackenzie's most conspicuous traits, but the former is never obtained by any sacrifice of necessary exposition. We have before said that this *Royal Masonic Cyclopædia* will, when complete, be a most valuable work, in fact, one of the most important additions to Masonic literature during the last quarter of a century. Certain it is, the closer becomes our acquaintance with Bro. Mackenzie's work, the more convinced are we of the correctness of this opinion. It is a clear, concise and accurate compilation, and, as such, we hope it will be well and worthily supported by the Craft generally.

Cook's Tourist's Handbook for the Black Forest. London: Thomas Cook and Son, Ludgate Circus, E.C.; Simpkin, Marshall and Co. 1876.

THE remarks we recently made on another of these useful Handbooks apply equally well to the one before us. The first dozen pages are, for the most part, of general interest, while the rest of the work is devoted to a description of the Black Forest itself, its general and particular features, its scenery, agriculture, inhabitants, history, &c. How to proceed, what places to stop at, what hotels to patronise, the scenes of interest that demand a special notice, all these are detailed very fully and circumstantially, so that a tourist who follows the directions laid down in these pages will have himself only to blame if his visit to this attractive part of Europe is not an agreeable one. The Appendix contains a list of places in Europe, with the principal festivals, and the days on which they are held. There is also a carefully prepared Index of names of places, &c., and the various features of note which the tourist is expected, or will in all likelihood be prompted, to "do." These, with a capital map, will be found most valuable. We have no hesitation in recommending this Handbook to all intending tourists. The information it contains is complete and accurate, and has the further advantage of being well arranged for reference.

A Few Words of Advice on Travelling and its Requirements. Addressed to Ladies. By H. M. L. S. With short vocabulary in French and German. Second Edition. London: Thomas Cook and Son, Ludgate Circus; Simpkin, Marshall & Co.; New York: Cork, Son and Jenkins, 261 Broadway.

WE trust none of our fair readers will think us ungentle if we say that a little work of this kind is very necessary. Good advice, of course, is always welcome, and we know of no class of people who stand more in need of it than the tourist, and the lady tourist in particular. Men do not find it imperative to burden themselves with many *impedimenta*, but ladies, when contemplating a trip abroad, are often at a loss what to take with them, what to leave behind. If a visit to some foreign capital is intended, then a sufficient assortment of dress similar to what is worn at home is necessary. People ought to dress equally well in a foreign city as in London. If, however, the trip is of a more ambitious character, then dresses for travel as well as for civilized society must be provided. Be it remembered that the conveyance of luggage in nearly all foreign countries is somewhat expensive, and certainly involves trouble. The packages should be few in number; they are more easily looked after, and stand less chance of being lost by the way. Their contents should be of good quality, able to stand wear and tear, and not requiring to be changed too often. Only a veteran can speak with authority on these matters, and it is a veteran who tenders advice in these pages. For this reason alone we are by no means surprised these hints as to "Travelling and its Requirements" should have reached a second edition. Other reasons there are, however, and among them, that advice is offered to visitors to any and every part of the habitable world: what and how much a person should take to India, what to America, what in making the circuit of the world. Other information there is,—for instance, as to souvenirs, and where to buy them; as to money, hotels, fees, custom-house establishments, &c. &c., and the Vocabulary in French and German will be found extremely useful. We cannot call to mind a book of this class which contains more valuable hints within so modest a compass, and we strongly advise our fair friends who are not already provided with one, to purchase a copy; they will find the money spent a most profitable investment.

Cook's West of England Tours will prove useful to intending visitors to this part of England, and especially to those who have formed no plan of travel. The pamphlet includes a series of "Programmes of a new system of Tours between Bristol and the Land's End." Every point of interest is noticed, and full particulars are given of the various modes of conveyance, by rail, steamer, coach, or private vehicle. There are also several illustrations, accompanied by descriptions, of certain of the principal towns in the district.

Experimental Spiritism. The Medium's Book, or Guide for Mediums and for Evocations. By ALLAN KARDEC. Translated from the 84th French edition, by ANNA BLACKWELL. London: Trübner. 1876.

THIS is a book for Spiritualists, or at least for people who are not indisposed to believe in Spiritualism. The statements made, and the theories advanced in it are of so extraordinary a character that the incredulous reader would probably be only the more confirmed in his incredulity by its perusal. Yet the author has evidently written in good faith, and the views he enunciates, it cannot be doubted, he himself implicitly believed. Many of the chapters are more closely argued, particularly the first two, entitled respectively "Spirits Exist?" and "The Marvellous and the Supernatural." It is in the latter chapters that the sceptic will find his greatest difficulty. When he is asked to believe that Louis IX., in a disembodied condition, is the patron saint of the Kardec Association of Spiritualists, that the souls of living persons can be evoked and bullied, that Judas Iscariot and Chateaubriand, Jean Jacques Rousseau and Saint Augustine, the four Evangelists and Napoleon Buonaparte, are in constant communication with a group of Parisian spiritualists, reading them gentle lectures and rhapsodising on religious topics, it is impossible to resist the conviction that his scepticism will rather be strengthened than destroyed, or even weakened. To spiritualists however the work can hardly fail to be deeply interesting. The author is a lucid and eloquent writer, and his eloquence and clearness of diction have been reproduced by Miss Blackwell in the translation.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Saturday, the 8th day of July 1876, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the List for Election in October next, and to declare the Number of Girls then to be Elected.

Also to consider the following Notices of Motion:—

By G. M. E. Snow, Esq.—

"That commission be allowed to the Collector upon such sums only as he collects and gives receipts for, and not upon donations or subscriptions paid to the Secretary.

By Raynham W. Stewart, Esq.—

"That considering the satisfactory condition of the funds of this School, Ten (10) of the unsuccessful candidates at the last Election highest on the poll be admitted without further election at the same time as those already elected, and that arrangements be made for their reception in the Infirmary until the alterations now in progress at the School be completed."

30th June 1876.

R. WENTWORTH LITTLE, Secretary.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 10th day of July 1876, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution, and to confirm the recommendation of the General Committee that twelve boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court to be held on Monday, the 16th October next, from an approved list of 59 candidates. The chair will be taken at 12 o'clock at noon precisely.—By order, 1st July 1876.

FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary.

LONDON MASONIC CLUB.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.—The Committee have much pleasure in informing the Members that the Club premises will be opened on the 19th July inst., and that the formal opening and inauguration banquet will take place on Wednesday, the 26th July inst., when the

RIGHT HONORABLE LORD SKELMERSDALE, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England,

has kindly consented to preside. Full particulars as to the opening ceremony can be obtained by Members from the Secretary, at the Offices, 37 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.

LONDON MASONIC CLUB.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscription payable by Members joining the Club on and after the 26th July inst. (until further notice) will be £5 5s for Town Members, and £3 3s for Country Members; instead of £3 3s Town Members, and £1 11s 6d Country Members, as hitherto. The next election of Members will take place on the 25th inst., and brethren wishing to avail themselves of the lower scale of subscription must send in their applications before that date. Forms of application can be obtained from the Secretary, at the Offices, 37 Queen Victoria-street, London, E.C.

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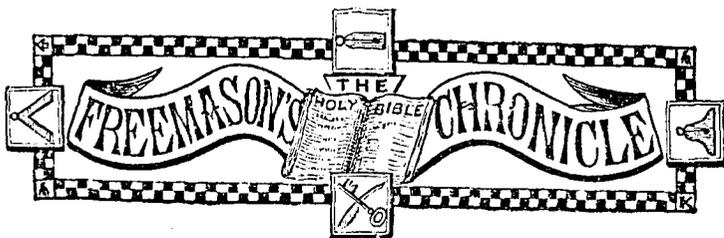
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THERE is not overmuch to note in the Parliamentary history of the week. In the House of Lords, the Archbishop of Canterbury moved, on Friday, for a select committee to inquire into the prevalence of Intemperance, and the motion was agreed to. On Monday, the Earl of Derby promised the papers on the Eastern crisis. In the House of Commons, a motion by Mr. Butt, on the subject

of Home Rule, found only a feeble body of sixty-one supporters in a house of over three-hundred and fifty. On Monday, Mr. Disraeli promised papers on the Eastern question. Ordinarily, such a promise is deemed sufficient, but the author of "Ginx's Baby," who, eminent as he may be as a writer of grotesque stories, is by no means a shining light among politicians, must needs be more importunate than the liberal leaders. Mr. Jenkins's opinion about the relations between Servia and Turkey is, probably, of no great value. Were it otherwise, were his political wisdom as clearly defined as his self importance, no doubt he would govern himself more discreetly. The frog in the fable failed ignominiously in his attempt to swell himself to the dimensions of the ox. The representative of Dundee attempting the rôle of a Palmerston is not likely to be impressive. The Prisons Bill passed its second reading the same evening by a majority one short of two hundred. Other measures, of greater or less utility, have been dealt with, but none of them call for any special remark.

On Tuesday, a State Ball was given, by command of Her Majesty, at Buckingham Palace. The Royal party included the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Princess Louise, the Dukes of Connaught and Cambridge, and the Duke and Duchess of Teck; and there were present also Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar and Sir Salar Jung. The diplomatic and general circles were numerously represented.

The Volunteer Review in Hyde Park on Saturday was a grand success. Over thirty thousand volunteers took part in it. These came from all parts of the country, the Metropolitan contingent being necessarily the largest, but Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Notts, and Lancashire were well represented, and the home counties were also in great force. The regulars, too, and the militia also took part in the display, the Household Cavalry, and two squadrons of the 20th Hussars taking the right of the line, followed by the Light Horse of the Honourable Artillery Company and some of the Middlesex Yeomanry, while a very strong Brigade, composed of battalions of the Guards and the London Militia, represented the regular infantry and militia. All the best known Volunteer regiments—the London Scottish, London Irish, Inns of Court or the Devil's Own, the Artists, Civil Service, Victorias, the Robin Hoods, &c., &c., were strongly and efficiently represented. The arrangements were as nearly as possible perfect. The Prince and Princess, accompanied by the Commander-in-Chief, were received as they came on the ground with a Royal salute, and after the formal brief inspection, the march past began, and continued uninterruptedly for over an hour and a half, the spectators heartily cheering the better known corps as they swung past the Royal party. It is a long while since the Volunteers have been thus honoured by Royalty, and never before have they carried themselves better. It is not impossible such a display of our citizen soldiering may have its effect. Many abroad may look upon it as a demonstration, though nothing of the kind was ever intended. This and the shooting at Wimbledon, soon to be in full progress, will probably satisfy our continental friends that as regards the material of which armies are composed, and our skill with arms of precision, we are not yet reduced to a nonentity.

Till quite lately Mr. W. G. Grace, the cricket champion, the leviathan, &c., &c., has not been as successful in run-getting as in former seasons. On Saturday, however, he made a score of ninety at the Oval, and at Lord's on Monday he was even in better form, for he compiled no less a number than 169, including a nearly straight drive for seven, right away to the nursery plantation. This must be highly instructive to the rising generation of cricketers, as yet only in swaddling clothes.

The directors of the Alexandra Palace were extremely fortunate on Saturday and Monday as regards weather. On the former day was held the Scottish Fête, and what with Highland flings, pibroch playing, tossing the caber, putting the stone, and throwing the hammer, in the last three of which Donald Dinnie, as in previous years, was *facile princeps*, the visitors had plenty to see and to entertain them. The programme was to have been held in the Central Hall, but as the weather was so fine the company adjourned to the cricket ground, where the sports were held. On Monday the London section of Forestry held its annual festival. There was a very strong gathering, and the entertainment was on a grand scale, every preparation having been made to meet the different tastes of the visitors. Thursday was set apart for a wholly

different class of entertainment. A grand Italian concert was given, and among the artistes were Madame Adelina Patti, Mdle. Marimon and Mdle. D'Angéri. The day being one of the few for which the admission fee is fixed at half-a-crown, the audience it may be imagined were very select. But still the attendance was worthy the occasion. Yesterday the Rose Show opened, and will be on view to-day likewise, so that the week just ended must be set down as one of the most eventful this season. On Monday will be held the Summer Pony and Polo Race Meeting.

At the Crystal Palace the latest additional attraction is Myers' Great American Hippodrome, and here, too, there has been a highly successful exhibition of Roses. On Tuesday a special programme will be provided in honour of the Fête of the National Temperance League.

To-day, Madame Titiens' Grand Morning Concert will be given at the Royal Albert Hall. Among the artistes will be Mesdames Christine Nilsson and Trebelli-Bettini, Signor Campanini, and M. Faure. To-day, too, is the last of the Floral Hall Concerts; and next Saturday will see the last performance this season at the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden. Her Majesty's, Drury Lane, will remain open a week longer, till Saturday, the 22nd instant. And when these close, fashionable London will distribute itself in the country or on the Continent. Our watering-places and our inland pleasure resorts will be filled with visitors, and every capital in Europe will have a strong contingent of English visitors. Many, no doubt, will find their way to the seat of war, and some perhaps may even get in the way of the bullets and be shot for their pains. As we are not ambitious of becoming food for powder, we have resolved to give the Turks and Servians a very wide berth indeed.

As to foreign news, the one piece of intelligence about which there is no doubt, is that Servia and Montenegro have declared war against their Suzerain. The reports as to Servian and Turkish victories seem very untrustworthy. Each side claims to have gained the honours of the day in the opening engagement, or it may be engagements, for there appears to have been fighting going on in several places. The whole country is anxious as to what will come next, what will be the policy of the three Emperors, and especially of the Emperor of Russia, without whose connivance it is pretty generally believed that Servia never could have dared to throw down the gauntlet to so powerful a neighbour. As far as we can make out, there is not the slightest shadow of a justification for this aggression of Servia in Turkey, and if the combatants are left to settle the dispute without foreign intervention, we believe Servia will bitterly repent the day she declared war. Turkey has a powerful fleet and a considerable army. In 1853 she held Russia at bay on the Danube, and inflicted more than one serious defeat on the armies of Czar Nicholas. We do not think the Serbs will succeed where Russia failed. Be this as it may, there is no question as to the excitement that prevails in every capital in Europe. In Vienna, in Paris, at Berlin, at St. Petersburg, in London, all classes of people are on the tip-toe of expectation to learn what next will happen. No doubt every effort will be made to confine the struggle to its present limits, and we trust they may be successful. Should any other power intervene, there is no saying what may happen. It is, however, a comfort to feel that Lord Derby at the Foreign Office, and Sir Henry Elliott at Constantinople, are, to use a hackneyed expression, the right men in the right place.

SIR MOSES MONTEFIORE LITERARY AND ART SOCIETY.

A MUSICAL and Dramatic entertainment by this Society took place on Saturday, 1st July, at St. George's Hall, Langham-place. Madame Emrick sang the song of the "Raft," and well merited the deserved plaudits she received for her artistic singing. The comic drama of the "Bachelor of Arts" followed. Mr. J. Faulkner played Harry Jasper with an easy, gentlemanly bearing; while great credit is due to Bro. H. Laurance, who possesses all the elements of a good actor. Messrs. Maynard, Rubenstein and Bro. S. Druiff also deserve praise. Bro. Montague Barnett was applauded for making the most of a small part. His acting was excellent. Mrs. S. Druiff as Mrs. Thornton was ladylike, while Miss Fanny Albert (a pupil of Sir Julius Benedict, and daughter of Bro. Albert P.M.) showed talents of no mean order. Mrs. S. Hassfeld sang, "Oh, haste ye Birds." Madame Emrick was loudly applauded for her exquisite rendering of "Grazie Clemente Dei;" Miss De Solla gave a recitation from King John, and Bro. H. Laurance one entitled "Shamus O'Brien," with great humour and pathos. Bro. B. M. De Solla was the accompanist; the committee was represented by Bros. J. Abrahams P.M., F.R.G.S., F.S.S., and H. S. Hassfeld. The hall was well attended.

Old Warrants.—No. 6.

No. 6 Ancients; No. 11 from the Union of December 1813 (List of A.D. 1814) to the present time.

E. C. VAUGHAN, G.M.
W. HOLFORD D.G.M. JNO. JACKSON S.G.W.
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To all whom it may concern. We, the Grand Lodge in Ample form Assembled do hereby Authorize and Impower our Trusty and Well beloved Brethren Willm Cowen Master, William Osborn Senr. Warden and John Nelson Junr. Warden (with their lawful Assistance) To form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient Masons and in such Lodge Admit enter and Make Masons according to the Ancient and honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World, And we do hereby further Authorize and Impower our said Trusty and well beloved Brethren William Cowen, William Osborn and John Nelson (with their Lawful assistance) To nominate, Chuse and Instal their Successors whom they are to invest with their power and dignity and such Successors shall in like manner Nominate, Chuse and Instal their Successors, &c., &c., &c., such Instalations to be on every St. John's Day during the continuance of the Lodge for EVER.

Providing that the Above named Brethren and their Successors always pay due Respect to this Ancient Grand Lodge otherwise this Warrant to be of no force nor Virtue.

Given under our hands and Seal of the Ancient Grand Lodge, London, this 18th Day of June, in the Year of our Lord 1755, and in the Year of Masonry 5755.

LAU. DERMOTT, G. Secy. !

Constituted, July 17th 1751...5751.

The present title and number are the Lodge of "Enoch," No. 11, Freemasons' Hall, London. We may be excused pointing out the important fact that the above is the earliest transcript of an "Ancient" Warrant yet printed, and is of the same year (1751) as the present No. 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, of which we hope to procure a copy ere long. It is palpable therefore that No. 17, now held at Quebec, and not on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England as formerly, cannot be of an earlier date, so again Bro. Hughan has been proved right with respect to the age of old Lodges, and his American friendly opponent (Bro. Tisdall) must try his hand at something else.

JOHN CONSTABLE.

The ceremony of Consecration and Installation will be worked on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at seven o'clock, by Bro. James Terry, Prov. G.D.C. Herts, P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, at the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1283, held at Bro. Pegot's, the Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters' Road, Holloway; Bro. P. Dickinson Preceptor. The brethren to assemble in full Masonic costume.

The Summer Festival of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, will be held on Wednesday, the 26th July, at Bro. Lewis's Hotel, Maidenhead Bridge, Taplow, under the presidency of Bro. J. J. Michael, on which occasion ladies and non-Masons will be present. The tickets for ladies will be 6s, and for gentlemen 7s, to be obtained of Bro. G. Tims, 269 Pentonville-road, on or before the 22nd inst.

Obituary.

We have to notice the death of Bro. Henry Moxon, who had held the office of Superintendent of the Telegraph department under the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company for about fourteen years. He was the inventor of "Moxon's Treadle Bell," and several other electrical patents. As a Mason, Bro. Moxon participated in the esteem of his brethren, for he possessed personal qualifications which secured for him warm attachment. He was initiated in Lodge of Faith, No. 581, Openshaw, near Manchester, on the 21st June 1871, was Junior Deacon 1872, Senior Warden 1873, and Worshipful Master 1874. He was exalted in Rectitude Chapter in 1874, S.E. 1875, and J. 1876. The deceased was very highly respected, he had suffered for some time from bronchitis. To the last, Bro. Moxon continued to be a faithful and amiable Mason, practising that greatest of all Masonic virtues—Charity. His remains were removed from his residence, Ellesmere Villas, Eccles, to their last residence place at Hamarhey Cemetery, Manchester, on 23rd June 1876. It will be a melancholy satisfaction to his family to witness the respect paid to his memory by those personally acquainted with him. Bro. Moxon died 20th June 1876, in the 39th year of his age.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge for the province of Suffolk was held at Ipswich, on Monday. The brethren assembled at 12 o'clock in the handsome Council Chamber of the Town Hall, and ranged themselves under their respective banners. They were presided over by the R.W.P.G.M., Lord Waveney.

On the roll of the Lodges being called it was found that all were represented except one, and in nearly every case the representative was the W.M.

The minutes of the Finance Board, held on the previous Monday, recommended grants of £10 to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, 10 guineas to the Masonic Boys' School, and 10 guineas to the Masonic Girls' School, and the grants were unanimously confirmed. The R.W.P.G.M. also intimated that, in the exercise of his prerogative, he should order £10 to be given to the widow of the late Rev. J. J. Farnham, an application on whose behalf had been made, but in an informal manner.

The R.W.P.G.M. then proceeded to the appointment and investment of officers, and the following brethren were conducted to the pedestal by the D. of C.:—Bros. S. H. Wright 516 (Stowmarket) P.G.J.W., A. D. George 114 (Ipswich) P.G. Reg., W. Clarke 959 (Ipswich) P.G.D. of C., W. D. Paine 959 (Ipswich) P.G.A.D. of C., Lindley Nunn 114 (Ipswich) P.G. Org., Dakin 225 (Ipswich) P.G. Steward, A. Read 376 (Ipswich) P.G. Steward, G. Paine 1008 (Bury St. Edmunds) P.G. Steward.

The P.G. Lodge then proceeded to the election of Treasurer, and Bro. T. J. Huddleston was unanimously re-elected.

The P.G.M. then delivered an address on the general business of the province, congratulating the brethren on the steady progress made by the Craft, as shown by the returns made by the representatives of Lodges, and welcoming amongst them the brethren who had been kind enough to accept the invitation which had been sent to the province of Norfolk.

The brethren attended Divine service at the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower, at about two o'clock. The benches in the nave were reserved for the members of the Craft. The side benches, reserved for the general public, were well filled. The Rector, the Rev. J. R. Turnock, and the curate, the Rev. A. C. Raymond, and the Rev. R. N. Sanderson took part in the services, the last-named gentleman reading the lessons. The sermon was preached by the P.G.C., Rev. J. B. Tweed, of Capel, who took for his text Matthew xxiii. 8: "All ye are brethren." The Rev. gentleman delivered an eloquent and appropriate discourse. He alluded to the fact that on occasions of that kind the brethren were in the habit of assembling together in the place where prayer was wont to be made—not as a mere matter of routine in connection with the observance of the day, but they came there to express their gratitude for blessings spiritual and temporal that God had poured upon them during the past year, and to pray for His help, direction, support and blessing in the future. Speaking of our mutual relation to each other, the preacher showed that Christ's design in coming into the world was to unite the whole of mankind in one universal brotherhood, and he said the closer we were united to Christ the closer was the tie which bound us to each other. In the course of his remarks on this head, he pointed out that the spirit and profession of the Masonic brotherhood was in harmony with the mission of the Christian Church, as to the promotion of brotherly love and Christian Charity, and it was because the design and objects were so good that he, as a clergyman of the Church of England, could give them his support and seek to extend its influence. It could be said of Masonry, as of Christianity, "All ye are brethren." Having spoken of Masonry as a very ancient institution, the Rev. gentleman proceeded to remark that we had one nature in common, and we were bound to exercise the intentions and fulfil the obligations of brethren towards each other. He made some admirable observations as to what those intentions and observations were. We ought to live as brethren; unity was the strength of our race. We were not born to live in a state of independence of each other. In combination, men might accomplish great things. Isolated sparks of fire were very easily extinguished, but when millions were blended together they became almost unextinguishable. If we would accomplish a great work and exercise great power, we must be united. Division was weakness, union was strength. Let us seek to be united in heart as well as in name—in fact as well as in form, and we should be stronger, both to derive and to communicate good. Our unity must be more than mere sentiment—it must be practical. They, as Masons, were bound together to afford mutual sympathy and help in times of adversity. In any way, and in every way, they must help their brethren when help was needed. In conclusion, the Rev. gentleman commented on the special duties and obligations which rested upon those who belonged to the brotherhood.

The musical portions of the services were admirably rendered by the large and efficient choir connected with the church. Bro. Lindley Nunn, Mus. Bach., presided at the organ, and played an introductory and concluding voluntary. The latter, "Thanks be to God," from *Elijah*, was executed in a manner which brought out to perfection the powers of this, one of, if not the finest organ in the county. Bro. Nunn was that day appointed P.G. Organist. The offertory was devoted to the Children's Wing of the East Suffolk Hospital.

On leaving the Church, the brethren re-formed in procession and marched back to the Town Hall, when the remainder of the Lodge business was then completed, and P.G. Lodge was closed in due form.

The banquet was held at the Assembly Rooms, Northgate-street, the R.W.P.G.M., Lord Waveney, in the chair, and covers were laid for 120 persons, the company present being much the same as those who attended P.G. Lodge. The dinner was admirably served by Bro. Ashford, of the Running Buck, and altogether about 110 sat down.

Grace having been said, the R.W.P.M. gave "The health of the first Lady of the land and Mother of their Grand Master," and with this toast was also coupled that of "The Craft." The toast was most

enthusiastically drunk, and the National Anthem was then sung by an amateur choir, the solos being taken by Bro. Steel P.G.S.D.

The Chairman next gave the first Craft toast of the evening, "The health of the first Mason of the land," who having left us for a short time, had returned, bearing with him a load of affection, respect and admiration from the foreign subjects of England, such as would bear down any man who was not prepared to bear what he would have some day to bear—the mighty weight of the Crown of England. He gave the "Health of the Prince of Wales," with Masonic Honours. (Applause.)

Song: "God Bless the Prince of Wales," Bro. Grayston.

The R.W.P.G.M. next gave the toast "Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge." The acting or Pro Grand Master he personally knew; the Deputy Grand Master, on no very distant occasion, gave them, in Norfolk, a proof of the interest he took in the Craft; and as for the Grand Officers, their work spoke for themselves. (Applause.)

Duet:—"Love and War," Bros. Grayston and Steele.

Bro. Benjamin Head, with whose name the toast was coupled, said he thanked them most heartily for the manner in which the toast was received, but they must remember that he was not a stranger among them. His visit to the Suffolk Lodge was always one of the most delightful he ever spent. He was one of themselves, and had been a member of one of their Lodges for fifty years, and was a Prov. Grand Officer of Suffolk. (Applause.)

The R.W.P.G.M. next gave "The Representatives of the P.G. Lodge of Norfolk, a hearty welcome to them, much prosperity, and great sympathy with them in the bereavement they had suffered by the death of their respected Grand Master."

Song: "Will-o'-the-Wisp," Bro. Steele.

W. Bro. Morgan, D.P.G.M. of Norfolk, whose name the R.W.P.G.M. coupled with the toast, returned thanks for the kind and thoroughly Masonic hospitality and welcome they had given the Norfolk brethren that day. Their thoughts were naturally carried back to the day, in November last, when the brethren of Suffolk and their P.G.M. honoured them with their presence. Little did they then think that their sun was so soon to set. The Norfolk brethren thanked those of Suffolk for their invitation to be present to-day, but ten thousand times more from the bottom of their hearts for the deep sympathy, so eloquently expressed, and so deeply felt, as he was sure it was, in the calamity under which they were at present suffering. It would not be well to dwell too much upon such painful thoughts on the present occasion. After the sun sets the sun rises, and they had in Norfolk the prospect of a very admirable Provincial Grand Master, probably appointed and probably to be installed by His Royal Highness in October or November next. If they would on that occasion honour Norfolk with their presence, he could assure them they would have as cordial a welcome as they had given to their brother or sister county to-night. (Applause.) His presence that night recalled the day when he had the honour of witnessing the installation of the R.W.P.G.M. of Suffolk, Lord Waveney, in the chair, which he trusted he might not be deemed presumptuous in saying he filled with such intense satisfaction to the Craft,—(applause),—not only in this province, but throughout the country,—(hear, hear),—and fulfilled, he might add, in a manner that must be satisfactory to his own conscience. (Hear, hear.) It seemed to be a geographical mistake to have separated Norfolk and Suffolk, but he would ask them not to perpetuate that mistake, but in all Masonic objects to show that their was between them a peculiar Masonic feeling. (Applause.)

The D.P.G.M. in proposing "the health of the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Waveney," acknowledged the kindness and indulgence which he always received from him, and testified to his readiness at all times to turn away from the high and responsible duties which devolved upon him as a peer of the realm to devote his time to the welfare of the Craft. (Applause.)

The P.G.M., in responding, said he felt they had received him with a welcome far more warm than he deserved, but it was a pleasure to be comforted and supported with the evidence they had given of the manner in which they had appreciated his efforts, as expressed by his worshipful friend on the right. He had every day something to learn, and if he had to sit at the feet of a teacher, as the saying was, he should be a Suffolk man if possible; he should be one well acquainted with the peculiarities of Craft knowledge; and he should be such a one as their Brother Head, who in pointing out some mistakes in the programme, did it with the authority of age, but without its severity. (Hear, hear.) The way to reap advantage from another's knowledge was to follow his precepts, and he (the R.W.P.G.M.) attributed the success they had credited to him in a measure to what he had learned from him. He had learned one lesson in particular, "Once engaged as a Suffolk Craftsman, engaged for all time." (Applause.) He (the R.W.P.G.M.) was not amongst them as much as he could wish, but when he came they received him as well as if he had been with them every week giving them counsels, which, if they had been worth anything, he felt would have been effective, from the effective way in which they would have been carried out. (Hear, hear.) He was proud of being in such a field, with such colleagues as he had. He thanked them once more for their hearty welcome, which compensated for many a doubt, many an anxiety, many an uncertainty, assuring him, as it did, of their confidence, that it was his strong desire to do that which was right and just in his position. (Applause.)

The P.G.M. then proposed the health of a brother, who, he said, was the worthy head of their organisation, who was always amongst them, and had grown old in their service. He was indebted to him for faithful, true counsel at all times, and he wished honour to be given to whom honour was due. (Applause.)

Song: "The Pilgrim of Love," Bro. Abbott.

The W.D.P.G.M. in responding, said his labour was a labour of love, and as long as they would bear with him in his old age, so long would he have pleasure in being associated with the Province of Suffolk. (Applause.)

The R.W.P.G.M. then gave "The health of the P.G. Chaplain, and the Clergy of the Province," speaking in the highest terms of the excellent sermon which the P.G. Chaplain had given them that day.

The P.G. Chaplain and the Rev. R. N. Sanderson responded, the latter explaining that he had declined the offered honour of P.G.S.W., not because he did not appreciate the honour which the R.W.P.G.M. thereby paid him, but because he was more proud of having been P.G. Chaplain for eight years than of any other honour that could ever be conferred upon him, and he did not wish to lose from his badge the first of the three great lights of Masonry. (Applause.)

The P.G.M. then gave "The present and past Officers of P.G.L.," for whom Bro. Dorling and Bro. J. H. Bevan responded.

The toast of the "Visiting Brethren" was next given from the chair, and was responded to by Bro. Pye (Harwich), and Bro. Rev. T. L. Kyffin (Anglesea, Wales).

The P.G.M. then proposed the "Health of the P.G. Sec.," whom he characterised as a true friend of the Craft, and a steady supporter of the great principles of Masonry. (Applause.)

Bro. W. H. Lucia, in responding, said that so long as he remained in office he hoped he should deserve the approbation they had been pleased to give him that night.

The remaining toasts were the "Charities," responded to by Bro. Head and Bro. W. Bobby, the "Masters of Lodges in the Provinces," responded to by Bro. Westgate, and "The Ladies." The "Tylers" toast brought a very pleasant evening to a conclusion.

By the kind permission of Earl Dudley, a musical *matinée* was held at Dudley House, on Thursday, by Madame Luisa Villa. A large and fashionable audience was present, and accorded a most enthusiastic reception to this lady, especially for the manner in which she rendered a new song composed by Bro. Tito Mattei, the composer himself accompanying her. Bro. Mattei also played a brilliant solo on the pianoforte, and among the other artistes were Sig. E. Bonetti, M. Leone Valder, and Sig. Rocca, whose songs were most effectively rendered and rapturously applauded. Mr. Ernest Nathan played admirably on the violoncello, and the Signorina V. de Bono exhibited great skill and the feeling of a true artist in her performance on the violin. Madame Emilia Chiome, accompanied by Sir J. Benedict, sang very sweetly an air from Faust. Mr. A. Des Roseaux created quite a *furor* by his inimitable drollery. Madame Villa was very warmly greeted in the duet from *L'Elisir d'Amore* with Sig. Rocca, and also for her rendering of the Romance of *L'Assenza ed il Ritorno*, the composer of the latter, Professor Bergsen, being the accompanist. Madame Bertini and Mr. Alfred Baylis were also successful, and reaped the honours of success in the shape of very hearty plaudits from the audience.

JOSEPH SINGLETON, R.W.M. OF THE SCOTIA LODGE.

WE regret to have to record the death of Bro. Singleton, R.W.M. of the Scotia Lodge, No. 178, Glasgow, which occurred on Sunday, the 25th June, quite suddenly, he having been about the city the previous day pursuing his usual avocations. In the absence of the P.G.M., application was made to his Deputy, but as the deceased, owing to the suddenness of his death, not having expressed a decided wish to that effect, Bro. Baird D.P.G.M. refused to grant the permission asked by the officers of the Scotia Lodge. But as the deceased was very generally known and esteemed in the province, a great many of the brethren spontaneously resolved to accompany his remains to the grave in plain mourning. The hall of the Clydesdale Lodge being in the vicinity of the residence of our departed Brother, they assembled there, and though Lodge was not opened, Bro. the Rev. J. C. Stewart, Prelate of St Mungo Encampment of Knights Templar, engaged in a funeral service. The deceased was a K.T., and amongst the mourners we noticed the following Sir Knights:—J. Clanachan P.E.C., Rev. J. C. Stewart P., G. W. Wheeler P., J. Murray, S. Scott, J. Mathison, Wm. Phillips, J. Howie, P. Hepburne, C. Richmond, J. Peacock, J. Wallace, and J. Dunbar. The following Lodges were also represented, in most cases by the Master and principal office-bearers, viz.—St. John 3 bis, St. Mungo 27, Thistle and Rose 73, St. John Greenock 75, Union and Crown 103, Royal Arch, Pollockshaws 153, Scotia 178, Star 219, Shamrock and Thistle 275, Girvon St. John 237, Commercial 360, St. Clair 362, Neptune 419, Govandale 437, Glasgow 441, Clydesdale 556, Kenmuir 570 and the Dramatic 571. The deceased first saw Masonic light about 18 years since in the Shamrock and Thistle, and one of the chief mourners was Bro. Wm. Higgins, the S.S. of that Lodge, who was made on the same day. Bro. Singleton, however, soon after joined the Scotia Lodge, and in 1869 was chosen Master thereof, being re-elected in two succeeding years. As a P.M. he was equally attentive to his duties, and in 1874 he was again chosen to preside, and at the last election in November he was re-elected for the fifth term of office; he was exalted in the Shamrock and Thistle Chapter, No 87, and had filled the chair of Z. with credit to himself and Chapter. As already mentioned, he was a Knight Templar, but held no office, no doubt thinking the Lodge had the first claim on his time and attention. He was a good working Master, not a mere ritualist, but a genial chairman and a pleasant companion. Whilst his widow and family will mourn his loss most, there are few Masons in the city of Glasgow that will not miss his cheerful smile and kindly greeting at their annual assemblies as well as at their Lodge meetings. He had a kind heart, an open hand, and a friendly word for all, rich or poor, and the Lodge may well regret their late Right Worshipful Master.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.—At the forthcoming meeting at Wimbledon, the proprietors of the popular "Specialite Sherry" (Messrs. Felton and Sons, of Albemarle Street) again give a prize, value £20.

Cornwallis Lodge, No. 1107.—The Installation meeting of the above Lodge was held on Wednesday, 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Erith. Bro. C. Reuter P.M., in the absence of the W.M., occupied the chair. Present—J. J. Michael S.W., T. Puzey J.W., J. Storey P.P.G.S. Kent, Treasurer, J. Henderson P.M. Secretary, C. J. Sutton, J. W. Knight G.D.C. Kent, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Apologies were made for the absence of the R.W. the P.G.M. and the D.G.M. The W.M. elect, being the present W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge, 1507, a dispensation from the M.W.G.M. was read, enabling him to occupy the chair of this Lodge. This was duly entered on the minutes. Bro. Milward, of the Manchester Lodge, was then passed, by the courtesy of the acting W.M. Bro. J. J. Michael S.W., W.M. elect, and W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge, was then presented to the Lodge; a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and he was duly installed into the chair by the acting W.M., Bro. C. Reuter. There were 17 W.M.'s and P.M.'s present to witness the ceremony. Bro. Robins kindly acted as Organist. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the warmest encomiums were given to Bro. Reuter for his very excellent rendering of the ceremony. Bro. C. Reuter was then nominated to represent the charities for the Province of Kent. The W.M. then invested his officers:—C. Reuter I.P.M., T. Puzey S.W., Legge J.W., J. Storey G.S.W. Kent Treas., J. Henderson Sec., Dr. Spurrell S.D., R. Searle J.D., Simmonds I.G., Bonnett Tyler. The W.M. appropriately addressed each officer, and the applause which greeted the several brethren on their investiture showed that he had made an excellent selection. Hearty good wishes being given, the Lodge was closed. The brethren then proceeded by train to the Bull Inn, Dartford, where a banquet had been provided by Bro. W. T. Bray. This old hostelry exhibited an air of comfort. The table was beautifully decorated with flowers; grace having been said, ample justice was done to the viands. The W.M. then proposed the toasts of Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft, the M.W.G.M., the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers. He then proposed that of the R.W. the Rt. Hon. Viscount Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M. of the Province of Kent, from whom he had had a letter, regretting his absence on the present occasion; every brother knows the interest he takes in the welfare of the province. Bro. Knight G.D.C. responded to the toast. He said he was pleased to see the kind feeling exhibited by the brethren at the mention of the names of the R.W. the G.M., and the P.G.M., he regretted their absence. The Province of Kent was never backward in supporting the Charities. Bro. Reuter then rose and proposed the toast of the W.M. He had been initiated in this Lodge; he also occupied the chair of the Metropolitan Lodge. He was proud to see him installed as W.M. of his Mother Lodge. Bro. Michael was one who could in every respect carry out the duties required of him. The W.M. thanked Bro. Reuter for the kind manner he had spoken of him. He never expected, after having been so short a time in the Lodge having to occupy the chair. He was, however, sure that he would have the co-operation of every Brother of the Lodge. He hoped at the expiration of his year of office that his occupancy of the chair will have been satisfactory to every Brother present. He then proposed the toast of the Past Masters. They had seen what Bro. Reuter had done by his rendering of the ceremony of installation. He had a pleasing duty to perform, in presenting him, in the name of the Lodge, with a P.M.'s jewel. He had, unfortunately, by a fire, lost his jewel, and he was pleased to place a fresh one on his breast. He hoped he would live long to wear it, and trusted that no misfortune of that nature, nor of any other, would cause him to lose this. Bro. Reuter returned thanks. He had already been a P.M., and had, to-day, been re-invested in that capacity. He had had his last jewel presented to him, but his house was burnt, and he, with his wife and child, were rescued through the blessing of divine providence. He thanked the brethren of the Cornwallis Lodge for replacing that jewel; he never could forget their kindness. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the visitors; he was pleased to see so many distinguished ones among them; while he occupied the chair, he would only be too pleased to see them, and hoped during his year of office not only to see members of the Province, but also the members of London Lodges who might honour the Lodge with their presence. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bros. Austin, H. M. Levy, Stephens, and several others, all expressing their great satisfaction for the hospitality received. The toast of the Treasurer, Bro. Storey P.M., was next given; he was a host in himself, and one whom all respected. The Officers and the Tyler's toast concluded a very delightful evening. Every brother and visitor on leaving expressed to the W.M. the great pleasure they had experienced. The Visitors were—Bros. T. Austin P.M. 933, H. Cox D.C. 1319, C. H. Stephenson 1319, Themans P.M. 141, Ed. Terry J.W. 1319, J. Willing P.M. 1507 and 177, Williams 1507 and 177, G. Adam 76, R. Rose 1507, Bolton P.M. 1227, Cheek 1507, W. A. Tinney S.W. 1319, G. Todder 11, Reynolds 901, E. W. Robins 483, Burr 1158, Hopton 1507, A. Millward 179, Percy 228, Vincent 913, Van Camp 1507, Thompson 72, Challoner 178, Neville 781, Kew P.M. 179, T. S. Parsons 179, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c. Some capital songs were given by Bros. Dixon, Hogarth, Chaloner, &c., &c.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent will be held at Deal, at the old Assembly Rooms, on Wednesday, 12th July, to which the brethren are requested to be present. The arrangements of the committee at Deal for the Festival are:—Breakfast to Provincial Grand Officers, past and present, and W. Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of Lodges, at the Royal Hotel, 10 o'clock. Lodge at the Old Assembly Rooms, Lower-street, 12. Church Service at St. George's church, 1.30. Banquet at the New Public Rooms, Park-street, 4.

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, 8th JULY.

Provincial Grand Lodge Hertfordshire, Cheshunt.
Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.0.
453—Chigwell, Castle Hotel, Woodford, Essex.
1326—Lebanon, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1556—Addiscombe, Alma Tavern, Addiscombe.
1613—Cripplegate, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, at 3.30. (Emergency.)
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 10th JULY.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
589—Druids' Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1073—Greta, Court-buildings, Keswick, Cumberland.
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.

TUESDAY, 11th JULY.

55—Constitutional, Wheatheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
167—St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
803—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1384—Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.

WEDNESDAY, 12th JULY.

193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
281—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
615—St. John and St. Paul's, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
M. M. 145—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.

THURSDAY, 13th JULY.

House 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, 162 Fulham-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.
1489—Marques of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
489—Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Bridgeland-street, Bideford, Devon.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George's, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1204—Royd's, Belle Vue Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.

FRIDAY, 14th JULY.

House Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 7.30. (Instruction.)
36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
1087—Beauesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.

SATURDAY, 15th JULY.

Audit Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Meltham.

MONDAY.

296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
R. A. 151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
R. A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.

TUESDAY.

443—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baldon, Angel Inn, Baldon.
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.

FRIDAY.

453—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
1001—Harrogate and Clare, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

MONDAY.

240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
949—Williamson, Royal Hotel, Monkwearmouth.

TUESDAY.

80—St. John, Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland.
764—Harbour of Refuge, Freemasons' Hall, Upper Church-street, West Hartlepool.

WEDNESDAY.

661—Fawcett, Masonic Hall, North-road, Seaham Harbour.

THURSDAY.

97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington-quay.
K. T. 118—Mount Grace, Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-road, Stockton-on-Tees.

FRIDAY.

1121—Wear Valley, King's Arms Hotel, Bishop Auckland.

SCOTLAND.

TUESDAY—43—St. John, Fort William.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.
TUESDAY—1—Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.
WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate, Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.
R. A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.
THURSDAY—8—Journymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.
FRIDAY—56—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

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—102—St. Mark's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

204—St. Paul, Whip Inn, Ayr.
205—St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Loch Winnoch.
219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
307—Union and Crown, Freemasons' Hall, Barrhead.
362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
384—Athol, Washington Hotel, Kirkintilloch.

TUESDAY—230—St. Barnabas, Black Bull, Old Cumnock.

413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.
426—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Renfrew.
556—Clydesdale, 106 Rose-street, Glasgow.
R. A. 69—St. Andrew, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow, at 7.

WEDNESDAY—178—Scotia, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.

333—St. George, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
570—Maryhill, 165 Main-street, Maryhill.
R. A. 113—Partick, School-room, Douglas-street, Partick.

THURSDAY—109—St. Marnock, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.

179—St. Mungo, Loudon Hotel, Mauchline.
203—St. John's, Olive Hall, Airdrie.
570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.

FRIDAY—18—Kilwinning, Mission Hall, Dumbarton.

170—Leven St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Renton.
R. A. 144—St. Rollise, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road, Glasgow.

SATURDAY—28—St. John's, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch.

524—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, East Kilbride.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday evening last, at 7.30. Present—Bros. Hollands W.M., Blackhall S.W., Ellis J.W., Grammer S.D. and Secretary, Maidwell J.D., Lipscombe I.G., Crawley Preceptor pro tem, and several other brethren. The ceremony of the 1st degree was rehearsed, Bro. Hogarth acting as candidate. Bro. Ellis worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Kinsey, of No. 6 Lodge, New York, was elected a joining member. Bro. Blackhall was elected W.M. for the next occasion. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Neptune Ardrossan Royal Arch Chapter, No. 111.—This Chapter celebrated its annual festival by a supper, at the Eglintoun Arms Hotel, on Friday, the 30th ult., Comp. James Robertson M.E.Z. presiding, T. McNidder Scribe E., and John Robertson Scribe N., acting as croupiers. In the course of a very excellent address the chairman said:—"As the operative Mason uses all his skill to rear the fabric destined for the worship of God, so we also rear a fabric, but of far nobler proportions, a more enduring structure—a moral and intellectual temple, adorned with all the Christian graces. And to the building up of this temple of the mind, all should contribute, but especially the members of our Royal Arch Chapters, for it is here we expect to find the best men, the pick of the Craft, and therefore from them we should get the best moral builders."

Panmure Mark Lodge, No. 139.—A meeting was held on Monday, 3rd July, at the Balham Hotel, Balham. Bro. Charles Pulman W.M. in the chair. Present—Bros. Thos. Poore P.P.G.S. and P.M., James Stevens P.G. Overseer and P.M., John Read P.G. Org.

and P.M. 22, Platt P.M., Lilley P.M. and Treasurer, Trusler S.W., M. Larham J.W., Wm. Poore M.O., J. J. Joseph, R. J. Marks, also Bros. Hardcaster, Webb, Biddlescombe, Pow, and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, and after the usual preliminaries, Bros. Taylor and Barney were advanced. A request was received from the W.M. of the Macdonald Mark Lodge, that Bro. J. G. Edgcombe, who had been duly accepted in that Lodge, might be advanced on their behalf. The request was at once unanimously acceded to, and Bro. Edgcombe was duly and regularly advanced. This being the annual period of election for W.M. for the ensuing year, a ballot was taken, which resulted in a unanimous vote for Bro. Trusler S.W. to occupy that important position. Bro. Lilley P.M. was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer. It was proposed by Bro. Poore P.M. &c., and seconded by Bro. Stevens P.M., and carried, that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. Pulman on his retiring from the office of W.M., to mark in some small degree the esteem and appreciation of his services during his tenure of office. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in due form.

True Friendship Lodge, No. 160.—This Lodge held its annual meeting on the 24th ultimo, at Southend, when Bro. Rev. H. J. Hatch, P. Prov. G. Chaplain, was installed as W.M. by the V.W. Bro. Rev. S. R. Wigram Grand Chaplain of England, Bro. A. Lucking P.M. 160 and 1000, Prov. A.G.D.C. acting as Director of Ceremonies. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. J. Reeve I.P.M., F. V. Jillings S.W., W. Allen jun. J.W., H. Wood P.M., P. Prov. G.O., Treasurer, G. Burgess P.M., P. Prov. G.D., Secretary, T. W. Gower S.D., G. Goodman J.D., A. Lucking D.C., G. Josling I.G., W. V. Willson and H. Harper Stewards, J. Allen Tyler. The following were also present:—Bros. W. T. Allen P.M., P. Prov. A.G.D.C., J. A. Wardell P.M. 160 and 1000, P. Prov. G.D., Dr. E. E. Phillips W.M. 1000, Prov. G.D., G. F. Browning P.M., P. Prov. G.W., D. B. Grout P.M., P. Prov. G.D., Dr. King, Dr. G. F. Jones, Z. Pettit, J. Harrington, J. C. Underwood, W. Frost, A. Harrington. Visitors—Bros. Major Birch P. Dist. G. Secretary of Bengal, P.M. and P.Z., Rev. James Harris P. Prov. G. Chaplain, F. G. Green P.M. 1024, P. Prov. S.G.W., F. Wood P.M. 1000, P. Prov. S.G.W., W. F. Francis W.M. 1024, W. C. Bell 1024, F. Cantor 1000, W. H. Norman 1000. After the Lodge business the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The beautiful music between the toasts rendered by Bros. T. Lawler, Hodges and Thornton was highly appreciated by the brethren present.

Manchester Lodge, No. 179.—This ancient Lodge held its summer banquet on Thursday, 22nd ult., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. J. U. Burt. A four horse drag conveyed some of the party to the Goat Inn, Enfield, where the W.M. had ordered a cold collation. The tables were decorated with flowers, and a button-hole was provided for every Bro. and visitor. The company after luncheon proceeded to their destination, enjoying a most delightful drive through the charming country. On arrival at Bro. Benningfield's, the Crown, Broxbourne, the W.M., anxious to provide his friends with every enjoyment, at once organized a water party; commodious boats had been prepared, and under the direction of Bro. Lovett I.G., the party started for a "pull." This over, the party, numbering forty, sat down to a sumptuous banquet, supplied by the host in his well-known style, and a very excellent dessert followed; the wines and viands were of first-rate description, and gave every satisfaction. The W.M. was most successful in his efforts to secure the comfort of all present. Only one toast was given, that of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and with it was included the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., and the Craft. Bros. Kew P.M., Hughes P.M. and the W.S. rendered goodly service. A pleasing episode in the day's proceedings was the appearance of a hale and hearty gentleman, ninety-four years of age. He came with his grandsons, and at the close of the day did not appear at all fatigued. At 8 o'clock the company started homewards, with the lively recollection of having spent a most enjoyable day.

Star Lodge, No. 219.—This Lodge had its annual excursion on Thursday, the 29th ult., to Carrie, on the Isle of Arran. The R.W.M., Bro. J. Morgan, and the principal members, with their wives and 100 friends, assembled at seven o'clock at the Broomilaw, on board the splendid saloon steamer the Guinevere, in charge of Capt. McIntyre, an active member of the Lodge. The sail was all that could be desired, passing as they did some of the finest scenery in the world. After lunch they landed on what is considered one of the most romantic islands in the Firth of the Clyde, where some betook themselves to exploring the beauties of the surrounding scenery, whilst others engaged in various athletic sports, and some joined parties of the fairer sex in a dance on the green, but all appeared to be thoroughly enjoying themselves. All too soon, however, the sound of the bell recalled them to the vessel, where, in the spacious saloon, upwards of a hundred sat down to a repast that would not have disgraced the *cusine* of many of our fashionable hotels. Few persons who have not travelled by them can imagine the luxurious comfort of a Clyde saloon steamer. The enlivening strains of the band and the beauty of the passage made the homeward journey short, and when they landed all were satisfied with a happy day well spent.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The regular weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. Smith W.M., Weige S.W., Christian J.W., Worsley S.D., Cambridge J.D., Brown I.G., P. M. Wallington Preceptor, and a good muster of brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Barker candidate. The Lodge was then regularly opened and closed in the second and third degrees, and Bro. Allen worked the third and fourth sections of the lecture. Bro. Weige was elected W.M. for the following Tuesday.

Lodge of Montefiore, No. 1017.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. J. Blum W.M., A. Eskell P.M. as S.W., V. Myers J.W., E. P. Albert Grand Pursuivant Sec., L. Jacobs Treas., Albu S.D., L. Salomons J.D., Brill as I.G., P. E. Van Noorden Org., and Past Masters A. Blumenthal, S. Lazarus, De Solla, Loewenstark, S. Pollitzer, and a numerous attendance of the brethren. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Barnett was passed, Bro. Grunefeld was raised, and ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Pasta and A. Lewis, which being unanimously in their favour, they were initiated into the Order. The latter brother, through the courtesy of the W.M., by Bro. E. P. Albert P.M. G.P. The Lodge was then closed until the fourth Wednesday in October. The brethren afterwards sat down to a very *recherche* banquet provided by Bro. Nicoll. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts; Bro. S. Foxall A.G.P. returning thanks for the Grand Officers. The toasts of the W.M., the newly initiated, and the visitors were then given, the latter finding a very eloquent respondent in Bro. Rev. J. R. Simpson P.G.C. The Wardens, Officers, Past Masters, and the Tyler's toast was duly given. The W.M. provided a musical entertainment, which was under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden, Organist to the Lodge, and an agreeable and harmonious evening was passed. The visitors were Bros. Rev. J. R. Simpson P.G.C., S. Foxall A.G.P., J. L. Lieberman, Lipner, S. A. Pawlikski, Spiers, Dr. Berkhart, Myers P.P.G.C., East Jamaica, Chambers 141, Wendt, and S. Buokwort.

Victoria Chapter, No. 1056.—The members of this Chapter have reason to be gratified with its prosperous condition. At the meeting of the audit committee, which took place on Friday, the 30th of June, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C., it was shown that after having defrayed all expenses, and without any debts whatever, a considerable balance was in the hands of the Treasurer, exclusive of a large amount of arrears. Moreover, at the next regular meeting annual subscriptions are due, when the existing fund cannot fail to be largely augmented. Comp. Jas. Brett P.Z., who has been the Hon. Treasurer of the Chapter ever since its foundation, and under whose careful management its present prosperity has been attained, resigned the office at the last meeting, very much to the regret of every member. Comp. E. Gottheil P.Z. was elected to the vacant post. The balance, therefore, of nearly £60, was handed to him. The Companions, fourteen in number, afterwards partook of refreshment, served by Bros. Bell and Bradgood in a manner reflecting the highest credit upon the new management. The viands were well dressed and prepared. Both the eye and palate were gratified, so much so that the hosts were asked to present themselves, and Comp. Geo. Newman M.E.Z., who presided, expressed the hearty thanks of those assembled for the very liberal and excellent manner in which everything had been provided for their enjoyment. The two brethren were requested to stay awhile. Bro. Bell, in returning thanks, said that the aim of his partner and himself was to provide first-class fare only; the charge would naturally be somewhat higher, but he thought in the end would be more satisfactory to all parties.

Dundas Chapter, No. 1255.—The first quarterly meeting of the above Chapter was holden at the Huyshe Temple, Plymouth, on Monday, 26th ult. Comps. Charles Godtschalk M.E.Z., J. J. Avery H., H. F. Hearle as J., E. Comp. J. B. Gover P.Z. as S.E., H. J. Ham S.N., W. Bell P.Z. Treas., W. H. Triplet P.S., R. M. Anderson, R. Bird, and numerous visitors being present. This being the first meeting for actual business since the consecration in March last, the minutes of that day being necessarily lengthy, including the bye-laws of the Chapter, their confirmation by the Most E. Supt. of the Province, the Rev. John Huyshe, together with a letter from that esteemed Comp. congratulating the Companions of the Dundas Chapter on the excellence of their bye-laws, adding they required no additions or alteration at his hands. These minutes having been distinctly and impressively read by E. Comp. J. B. Gover P.Z. acting as S.E. were confirmed. The E. Comp. J. B. Gover then referred to the letter of the Most E. Supt. of the Province, speaking of the kind and brotherly sentiments therein breathed and expressed by our beloved Comp. John Huyshe, adding, his words were an honour to the Chapter, suggesting that they should be bound up with the bye-laws of the Dundas Chapter, which was unanimously assented to. The ballot was then taken for several brethren, amongst whom was the W.M. of Dundas Lodge, Saml. J. Hearle, which being approved, he was duly exalted by E. Comp. Charles Godtschalk Z. of the Chapter. The work of the chair Z. being done with fulness, expression and feeling, rendering the beautiful points of R.A.M. definite and clear to all present. The work of the chairs H. and J. were rendered perfect by Comps. J. J. Avery and H. F. Hearle respectively, while a word of more than mere praise must be given to Comp. W. H. Triplet for his able rendering of the important and difficult office of P.S. The Chapter was then closed in the ancient and prescribed form.

Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385.—This Lodge held an emergency meeting on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet. Present—Bros. John Lowthin Prov. S.W. Herts P.M. as W.M., Dr. Livingston S.W., R. F. Young J.W., G. Askew Secretary, Frederick Venables S.D., C. Gray J.D., W. Brown Steward, W. W. Morgan as I.G., Goddard Tyler; P.M. Bro. Hayward Edwards, &c. Visitor—Bro. Walter Spencer, Bank of England Lodge. The only business consisted in the raising of Bro. W. W. Morgan, the ceremony was well conducted by the acting W.M. Slight refreshment followed, and a pleasant hour was spent in social converse.

Asaph Lodge, No. 1319.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 5th July, at Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields. Bros. J. Jekyll W.M., W. A. Tinney S.W., Read P.M. as J.W., C. Coote jun. Treas., E. S. Jones P.M. Sec., G. Buckland S.D., E. Swanborough J.D., Welland I.G., H. Cox D.C.,

C. H. Stephenson Steward. P.M.'s—C. Coote, J. Weaver, Chamberlain, Frewin and Read. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The election for W.M. took place, and Bro. W. A. Tinney was unanimously elected. C. Coote jun. was re-elected Treasurer, and Gilbert Tyler. The Lodge was then closed. Bros. Dixon 1710, Lowe, St. Dunstan's, &c., were present as visitors.

Percy Lodge, No. 1427.—The Installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 20th ult., and was numerously attended. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Bentham, supported by the following distinguished brethren:—Bros. B. J. Tompson P.G.S., E. C. Davis P.G.C., G. Tompson P.P.G.J.W., John Hopper P.P.G.J.W., W. Foulsham P.P.G.J.W., J. Wilson P.P.G.W., J. Cook P.P.G.J.W., and Marall P.G.J.D. (Durham). The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Nicholson S.W. and W.M. elect was then presented to the Lodge, and a Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and he was duly installed into the chair by Bro. E. D. Davis P.G.D.C. in a perfect and impressive manner. The W.M. having been saluted, received the congratulations of the brethren. He then invested his officers:—Bro. Bentham I.P.M., J. C. Mowbray S.W., B. P. Ord J.W., B. J. Tompson P.G. Sen. Treas., Rev. W. B. East Chaplain, J. S. Liseman S.D., C. Breshill I.G., J. Bell Steward, R. C. Lipmore J.S., and G. S. Simes Tyler. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large banquetting hall, where a very excellent dinner was provided, which was ably superintended by Bro. Simes. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Hopper P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M., which was most enthusiastically received. Bro. Foulsham P.M. ably proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. Davis. He alluded to the able and efficient manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. The toast having been suitably replied to, that of "The Wardens, Officers and Tyler" brought a delightful evening to a close. The visitors present were:—Bros. E. D. Dovi P.G.D.C., Marell 111 G.P.S.D. (Durham), J. Cook P.M. 481, W. Monday W.M. 406, S. M. Harris 406, W. J. Atkinson 636, &c.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 4th of July, at the Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville-road, N. Present—Bros. Fenner W.M., Side S.W., H. Stiles J.W., Wm. Stiles Sec., Willing Treas., Berrie S.D., Kingham J.D., Leye I.G., Cox Tyler, P.M.'s T. A. Adams P.G.P. Preceptor, Scales, Belsey, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. Ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed. The first and second sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bro. Adams Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Side was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524. This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Wednesday, 5th July, at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Brasted W.M., H. Meyer S.W., Robinson J.W., Chapman S.D., Hill J.D., Dignam I.C. Gilchrist Preceptor, and Bros. Spencer, Ferrar, Lording, Fieldwick, Bailey, Marsh, Garbutt, Bell, Stock, Jacob, J. B. Shackleton, &c. Business—Lodge opened in due form, minutes of last Lodge meeting read and confirmed; initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Bailey candidate. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Fieldwick, assisted by the brethren. Proposed by Bro. Ferrar that Bro. Jacobs 1567 become a joining member; carried unanimously. Bro. H. Meyer was elected W.M. for ensuing week. A letter of condolence having been voted to the widow of the late Bro. Acker, the same has been engrossed and illuminated on vellum, by Bro. W. W. Morgan, and was handed round the Lodge for the inspection of the brethren, who were loud in their praises of the elegance of design and beauty of execution; it was signed by all the brethren, and ordered to be delivered to Mrs. Acker. The following is the text:—

"MADAM: We the undersigned members of the Lodge of Freemasons named the Duke of Connaught, of which your late lamented husband was a member, desire to express to you our sincere condolence on the loss you have sustained, as well as to convey our sympathy to yourself and family in their bereaved affliction. To this expression we beg to add that the memory of your departed partner will long live with those from whom he has been called, and we further hope that such expressions may in some slight degree temper the grief of those whom our respected brother has left to mourn his loss." Here follow the names.

Nothing else offering, the Lodge was closed and adjourned to Wednesday, 12th July, at 8 p.m.

Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge, No. 1539.—It is gratifying to us to have to record the success which is attending the efforts of the promoters of the Surrey Masonic Hall. The building is well adapted for the purposes for which it was designed, and as evidence of this we may state that at the present time no less than twelve Lodges have made arrangements for holding their meetings there. The foundation stone of the Hall was laid on the 29th day of May 1874, by R.W. Bro. Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. Midd., and on the 14th July 1875 it was formally dedicated to the purposes of Freemasonry, by the Most Worshipful Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master of England, and Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire. It is built in the classic style, and was designed by Bro. E. Clark, the erection being entrusted to Bro. John Oliver. The Lodge room is a handsome and well appointed building, while the ante chambers, refreshment rooms and banquetting hall are specially arranged, so as to meet every requirement of the brethren. In addition, there is a spacious hall, capable of seating five hundred persons. This will be found admirably suited for public meetings or for entertainments, and this remark, we are sure, will be endorsed by those of our readers who were present at the Ball held there in April last. The Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge was the first that was consecrated in the new building, and on Thursday last the brethren

met to celebrate their first anniversary. The members assembled at three o'clock, when the following officers were present:—Bros. W. S. Larham W.M., Ramsey S.W., Green J.W., Ritherdon S.D., Smale J.D., Ross I.G., J. Oliver Secretary. The Visitors were Bros. Major Shadwell H. Clerke, C. A. Cottebrune, Joseph Wright, James Dawson, H. Thompson, William Harris jun., W. W. Morgan, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The report of the auditors was submitted; it showed that the funds are in a prosperous condition. The W.M. next proceeded to raise Bro. Cannon, who had answered the usual questions in a satisfactory manner. Bros. Walden and Timms were then examined as to their proficiency, and were afterwards passed. Bro. M. S. Larham rendered both ceremonies in a most perfect manner, while his officers, it is almost needless to say, considering his well-known ability as a Preceptor, rendered him every assistance. The Lodge was now called off for a short interval. On the return of the brethren, Bro. Larham proceeded to instal Bro. William Ramsey as the second W.M. of the Lodge. After the customary salutations, Bro. Ramsey invested the following as his officers: M. S. Larham I.P.M., T. L. Green S.W., N. Ritherdon J.W., A. Murray, Secretary, M. S. Larham I.P.M. Treasurer, Ross S.D., Harvey J.D., A. Martin W. Steward, Allen I.G., Geider Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring W.M., and in consideration of the great services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. John Oliver, who had acted during the year as Secretary, it was proposed and unanimously carried that a jewel be presented to him at the next meeting of the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where an elegant repast had been provided, which gave the greatest satisfaction to all present. On the removal of the cloth Bro. Ramsey gave the customary toasts. A very pleasant evening was spent, and it was universally acknowledged that the system under which the Lodge carried out its domestic arrangements was most successful.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—At the meeting on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at Masons' Hall, Masons' avenue, City, E.C., in accordance with the announcements previously made by us, the Fifteen Sections were worked. Present—Bros. J. T. Barnes P.M. W.M., James Stevens P.M. S.W., John G. Stevens P.M. J.W., J. K. Pitt Secretary, John Constable P.M. Treasurer; P.M. Bro. E. Gottheil Preceptor. A large number of the members were in attendance. The Lodge was opened, and the sections were most satisfactorily worked by the W.M., assisted by the under-mentioned:—

1st Section	Bro. L. Bone.
2nd "	" W. Blackhall.
3rd "	" G. Walker.
4th "	" James Stevens.
5th "	" J. Beckett.
6th "	" T. Griffiths.
7th "	" E. Williams.
8th "	" I. P. Cohen.
9th "	" J. Berry.
10th "	" J. Constable.
11th "	" W. H. G. Rudderforth.
12th "	" W. Yetton.
13th "	" C. H. Webb.
14th "	" J. Constable.
15th "	" W. Yetton.

Bros. Lovelock, H. Thomas and Williams, were elected members. Bro. Blackhall was appointed W.M. for next meeting. In proposing a vote of thanks to the W.M., Bro. Gottheil said that Bro. Barnes was one of those men who did their work quietly and without ostentation, never expecting either fee or reward for what they did. When Bro. Barnes first entered the Craft, the work used to be done by men whose earnestness it would be unfair to question, but who never bestowed a serious thought upon the possibility of rendering the work more in accordance with the progress which, in this nineteenth century, is everywhere visible. But our W.M. is one of those whose nature will not permit them to attempt anything unless convinced of their ability to do it well. Although some of those whom we may term the conservatives of the Order still endeavour to oppose what they are pleased to term innovations, yet gradually the improvements which Bro. Barnes has introduced are gradually being adopted in all Lodges in which brethren of intelligence assemble. His activity for the benefit of the Charities is also well known, but in all cases Bro. Barnes has done his work quietly and without ostentation. Those, however, who know him appreciate his exertions, and the good opinion of these, I am sure, he values. I wish we could do more, but it is only in our power to vote our thanks to him for his kindness in coming amongst us this evening, and for the way in which he had conducted the work of the Lodge. The vote of thanks was unanimously passed, and after an acknowledgment from Bro. Barnes, the brethren separated.

Sir Hugh Middelton Lodge, No. 1602.—The increasing number of propositions since the recent consecration necessitated another emergency meeting being held, this took place on the 23rd June, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. The W.M., Bro. E. Somers, occupied the chair, E. G. Sim S.W., T. J. Coombs J.W., J. Weston Secretary, J. Osborn Treasurer, A. Rowley S.D., F. Allen J.D., W. Norris D.C., W. F. Poulton Steward, H. De Solla Organist, and acting P.M. W. H. Lee 1524, and several brethren. The Lodge was opened, Bros. J. H. Oppenheim, W. Payne, Sidney Rowley, R. J. Thomas, J. Pettigrew, J. G. Rimell, J. S. Furlong and W. Richardson were passed, and Messrs. E. Abrahams and J. E. Dodson were initiated into the Order. A committee was formed for the purpose of having a summer banquet, and to report thereon at the July meeting; this consisted of the W.M., Officers of the Lodge, and Bro. Dawson. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, where the usual toasts were given and responded to. Bros. H. De Solla (Organist) and Upward contributed to the harmony. Bros. Gibbs 1306 and Peckham 754 were present as visitors.

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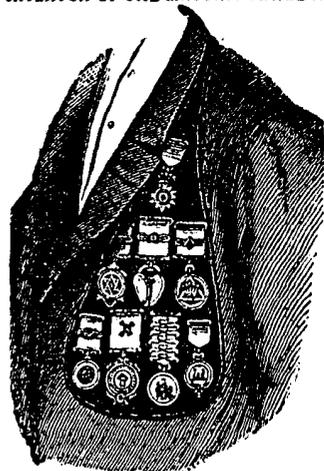
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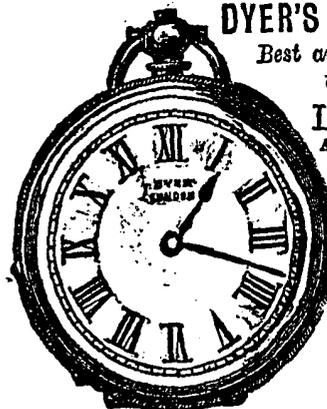
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