

THE

Freemason's Chronicle;

A WEEKLY RECORD OF MASONIC INTELLIGENCE.

Vol. IV.—No. 82.

SATURDAY, 22nd JULY 1876.

PRICE THREEPENCE.
[Registered at the G.P.O. as a Newspaper.]

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WE have received copy of the Proceedings at the last Quarterly Communication, held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on 14th June, of this Grand Lodge. Bro. Percival Lowell Everett M.W.G.M. presided, and was supported by R.W. Bro. Charles H. Welch D.G.M., the Grand Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers past and present, including Bros. W. Parkman, Charles C. Dame, and Sereno D. Nickerson, Past Grand Masters. The Lodge was opened in ample form at 2 p.m. with prayer by the R.W. Rev. Charles H. Titus. The record of the previous Quarterly Communication was taken as read. The Grand Master then announced a vacancy among his officers, and that he had appointed Bro. Avery to fill it. Bro. Avery was thereupon invested with the office, namely, that of Grand Standard Bearer. Bye-laws and Amendments to Bye-laws from several Lodges were submitted to the Committee on Bye-laws, whose report was delivered before the proceedings came to an end. A petition from the Satuit Lodge for a Charter was then presented and referred to the Committee on Charters. Their report was to the effect that, having examined the Bye-laws and other necessary documents of the Lodge, which had been under dispensation for more than a year, they found everything satisfactory, and recommended accordingly that a Charter be granted. A letter was then read from the W.M. of the Winslow Lewis Lodge, requesting, in the name and on behalf of that Lodge, the acceptance by Grand Lodge of a portrait of Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, a Past Grand Master. The portrait was accepted and the Grand Master requested to convey to the W.M. and brethren of the Winslow Lewis Lodge the thanks of Grand Lodge for the very handsome addition thus made to the portraits of Past Grand Masters. On the motion of Bro. John McClellan, a sum of five hundred dollars was voted to be disbursed for charitable purposes by the Committee on Charity. The Committee on the appeal of a brother against the action of the Plymouth Lodge and its W.M. delivered a long report, in which, after a careful examination of the circumstances of the case, they recommend that the appeal be dismissed. The Committee on Ritual then reported favourably on the proposed new Trestle Board, and it was resolved unanimously that it should be the only authorised Trestle Board for use in the Lodges under this jurisdiction. A Committee to superintend its publication was accordingly appointed by the G.M. The petition of a brother to be formally healed having been examined and recommended, and further time having been accorded to those Committees which had not been able to report, notice was given that a special communication, for the purpose of constituting Satuit Lodge, and installing its officers would be held on the 21st of the month. There appearing to be no further business to be transacted, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at a few minutes after 4 p.m., prayer being again offered by R.W. Bro. Rev. Charles H. Titus.

A MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF HERTS.

A DISCUSSION arose at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Herts, on the 8th instant, as to the merits and demerits respectively of Provincial Masonic Calendars. The proposition, as moved by Bro. Lambert,

merely went to the extent of suggesting that Prov. Grand Lodge consider the propriety of establishing a Calendar for the Province. The principal grounds on which Bro. Lambert advocated his motion were, that the Herts Masons would find it very agreeable to visit the different Lodges in their province, as people in the country must have some amusement, and that there many places in Herts about which the brethren would find it delightful to have some information. Bro. Halsey, the P.G.M., mentioned a third reason, of considerable importance, namely, that the Province was becoming more considerable; there were more Lodges in it than formerly, and these were widely scattered, so that a Calendar, if properly managed, might be made very advantageous to the Craft. Bro. Carter has already been at the pains and cost of publishing a small but useful compilation of the character in question, and no doubt this might be taken as the basis of a larger and more ambitious work. It is satisfactory, however, to learn that the Herts brethren are bestirring themselves in such a matter, and we trust before another year has passed that Herts may find itself on as good a footing in this respect as other provinces we know of.

This is not the sole object we have in view in referring to the discussion which arose in Prov. Grand Lodge. We have a few remarks to offer on one or two other points of importance, and we take this opportunity of offering them. We think it well, however, to state that, as no member of our staff was present, and no brother thought it worth his while to send us any particulars, we are indebted to common conversation and other sources for our knowledge of what was said. We say this in order that our readers may know the character of the foundation on which we have built up our comments.

It is, in the first place, a somewhat strange idea to emanate from any Craftsman, and most of all from one who has attained Provincial rank, that brethren will find "amusement" in visiting the various Lodges located in their Province. We usually associate the notion of fun with the word amusement. We say a certain play or exhibition was amusing, Mr. So-and-so is an amusing fellow, or, we were highly amused the other day by the antics of a monkey, the droll appearance of some one we passed in the street, and so on. In this, which is the sense we ordinarily connect with amusement, we cannot see the slightest shadow of justice in Bro. Lambert's first, and we presume, therefore, his most important reason. We see nothing amusing in a Lodge meeting, though we often mix there with some very amusing people, that is, with people who possess the faculty of amusing their fellows. A Lodge, however, meets for the fulfilment of certain duties, many of which are solemn, and all of which are important. When the labour is ended, we are wise enough on most occasions to devote any spare time that may remain to us before separating to the very enjoyable occupation of amusing one another. We do not see how the establishment of a Calendar will either increase or diminish the value of this very sensible custom. It is very unfortunate, when so many excellent reasons may be urged for establishing a wholesome institution like a Provincial Directory, that any brother should have descended to urge one so frivolous. Masonry is not an amusement, but a science. It is no compliment to the principles we profess to say that a Provincial Masonic Calendar will be useful on the ground that people in the country must have amusement, and so a guidebook will enable brethren to visit each other more frequently. If, however, we cannot congratulate Bro. Lambert thus far, we fully

recognise the force of his other argument. There are places of great interest to the Craftsman in the Province of Herts, and Cheshunt Great House, so kindly placed at the service of the Gresham and King Harold Lodges by Bro. the Rev. C. Mayo, and where Prov. Grand Lodge met on the 8th instant, is one of them. This, indeed, is a reason worthy alike of the Craft and the brother who suggests it. Bro. Halsey, too, spoke very sensibly when he urged that the Province was becoming more important, while the Lodges were scattered over a wider surface. But Bro. Taylor has evidently formed a somewhat low estimate of mankind generally, and Hertfordshire Masons in particular. He is in fear and trembling for the future if a harmless Calendar is instituted. In the days to come he thinks it possible that some evil-minded brother, some Masonic impostor, may abuse the purpose for which the proposed Calendar was instituted. This class of persons, he thinks, will be going about the Province seeking whom they may dupe, and the Calendar, whose information enables them to discover the whereabouts of their dupes, will be at the root of the evil. We do not possess the gift of prescience. We cannot say if Bro. Taylor's anticipations will be realised. We think it very likely there will be impostors in the future as in the past. We do not doubt they will turn to account all useful information they may be able to obtain, in order to effect their evil purposes. We do not anticipate, however, that imposture will be the order of the day, the rule instead of the exception. We think it will exist to no appreciable extent. We say, then, that to object to what the majority of Craftsmen will make proper use of, because a very few may be found who will abuse it, is contrary to the dictates of common sense. No doubt Bro. Taylor means well. With him, we should like to see all Masons the perfection—the very pink of humanity, but as humanity never can be void of all evil, our duty clearly is to promote the welfare of the greater number. It is only here and there we shall find a brother or an impostor who will abuse a Masonic Calendar, or rather the information it contains. We do not see why the well-disposed should be deprived of an undoubted benefit, because a stray black sheep or two may occasionally be found in our midst. We hope the Province of Herts will not be led aside from the path of progress by such weak arguments as Bro. Taylor appears to have urged against the publication of a Masonic Calendar.

ODDS AND ENDS.

By WALTER SPENCER, F.R.G.S., &c.

AT the last meeting of the Royal Geographical Society a telegram was read, announcing the successful navigation of the Albert N'Yanza, and the establishment of a chain of regular military stations which would assure the safety of travellers to its shores. The President humorously remarked that the Lake would doubtless be included next year in the routine of Cook's tours.

It might be suggested to that enterprising firm to engage the services of Mr. Stanley as cicerone, and boldly to advertise the formation of a Grand African Caravan, equipped with portable steamers, tents, freezing apparatus, and every luxury; provided with suitable beasts of burden, and guarded by Sir Samuel Baker's "forty thieves," whose services might perhaps be secured by judicious promises of pay and *bucksheesh*. By Lakes Victoria and Albert, across country to Ujiji on the Tanganyika, thence after an excursion on its waters, along the Lukuga to Lake Lanji. Here the party might advantageously be divided; one detachment proceeding north westward, in boats and Boyton's apparatus, through Lake Sankorra (keeping a look out for traces of the Count di Brazza's expedition) down the Congo to the coast; whilst the other might pass southward to Kilemba, for an introduction to King Kasongo, from whence, by Cameron's track overland, they might traverse Ussambi and Lovalé, emerging into Benguela in Latitude 12°. Plenty of writing and sketching materials should be taken, to the end that each tourist on his return might write a book, the publication of which would doubtless go far towards defraying the expenses of the trip. This expectation might, however, prove presumptuous, in view of the cost of Cameron's little journey, £11,000, a large proportion of which was found by the Royal Geographical Society. The services of a travelling chaplain could not be dispensed

with, in view of the tourists' natural desire for Christian burial.

A joint-stock company, entitled "The Society for Trips round the World," has lately issued its prospectus, under distinguished auspices. It undertakes to have a large steamer, ready to start from Havre in the month of May every year, for a voyage round this little globe that we live on. The vessel is to be specially constructed, fitted in the smallest details with reference to the comfort of its passengers and to the pursuit of scientific studies, furnished with library, instruments, and a competent staff of *savants*. Passengers will be supplied by the influential "Patronage Committee," with letters of recommendation to the places they may visit, which will afford them an *entrée* to foreign society.

It is the philanthropic aim of this Association to smooth all asperities from the path of those who are ambitious of seeing the world; by reducing the inconveniences of travel to a minimum. This is what we have lost by being born before our time, say fifty years too soon. Instead of peril and privation, we should have had ample opportunity for study and exploration in a state of greater positive security than we enjoy at home. Ensnored in a luxurious saloon, with iced-cream-sodas and obliging professors at their elbow, skimming along the world's highway from port to port and from island to island, travellers may laugh at the horrors of the rail and the perils of the streets, smile at suburban burglaries and pleasantly commiserate the myriad troubles of a luckless householder on shore. Prying into a changing kaleidoscope of society as they skip from colony to colony, unrestrained by the trammels of conventionality, they may suck science with every breath, whilst they rejoice in emancipation from our social treadmill; and finally, on returning after a short ten months, they will have acquired a crushing authority upon all manner of topics, feeling that they have trod in the footsteps of Humboldt, and that iced-cream-sodas were not invented in vain.

The scheme deserves wide commendation. To the glib but shallow curate; to the amiable but dogmatic Philistine; above all, to the bore—our dear deserving friend who buttonholes us when we are in a hurry, whose bewildering notions upon the opium-traffic, oceanic-currents, abiogenesis and the Eastern question, so often have streamed into our ears till we have collapsed saturated with nonsense. Now is the time for him, the chance to make his mind expand, his ideas concrete themselves; the strain of novel observation on the cerebral organs may tighten the lax chords of speech. He might return to us an altered being: most cordially we would wish him "Bon Voyage."

The Society's capital is £80,000, in 4,000 shares of £20. Amongst the founders' names are MM. the Duc d'Abrantes, Bischoffsheim, Drouyn de Lhuys, Ronciere le Noury, Louis Wolowski, and Ferdinand de Lesseps. Its London office, 20 King William-street, Strand.

THE LEGEND OF ADJIGARTA.

REMARKABLE coincidences have been pointed out between numerous oriental legends and the Bible narratives, indicating a certain plagiarism one from the other, or derivation from a common source. One of the most interesting is found in the pages of the Hindoo theologian, Ramatsariar, who relates a story similar to that of the patriarch Abraham on Mount Moriah, with the addition of interesting particulars, which would seem even to promote the consistency of the narrative. His work is, we believe, of undoubtedly later production than the Pentateuch. It can thus afford no ground for criticism of the sacred writings; even did we not bear in mind an elaborate calculation of primitive civilisation in Egypt, which was grounded upon soundings of a well driven successively deeper into the Nile mud, until the too confident explorer fished up—from the very bottom of it—a Roman brick; but it is sufficiently remarkable for us shortly to reproduce.

"As the child (corresponding to Isaac) approached its twelfth year, his father resolved to proceed with him to offer commemorative sacrifice on the mountain where Brahma had granted his prayer. After having, as before, selected a young goat without spot, *Adjigarta* went thither with his son. On their way through a forest they came on an unfledged dove, which had fallen from its nest, and was

pursued by a serpent; the child killed the reptile with his staff, and replaced the young dove in the nest, to the great joy of its mother. *Adjigarta* was pleased to see him so courageous and good. Having reached the mount, they began to gather wood for the pile, when the goat, which they had tied up, broke its rope and fled away.

"Then, said *Adjigarta*, 'behold here is the wood, but we have no victim!' and he knew not what to do, for they were far from any habitation, and he would not return without accomplishing his vow. He, therefore, bade his son fetch the young dove, that it might serve the purpose. Thereupon the voice of Brahma was heard, saying, 'thou commandest thy son to fetch the dove that he had saved, in place of the goat that has escaped. Didst thou save it from the serpent only to imitate its enemy? Such sacrifice is not agreeable to me. He who annuls the good deeds he has committed, is not worthy to worship me. To atone thy fault thou shalt sacrifice even the son that I have given thee.' And *Adjigarta* was seized with anguish, and cried, 'Oh, my wife Parvady, what wilt thou say when I return alone, and thou askest what I have done with thy first-born?' Thus he wept until the evening, unable to accomplish the sacrifice; yet he dreamed not of disobedience, and his son incited him to execute the divine commands. Then, with trembling hand, he bound his son and raised the knife—when Vishnu, in the shape of a dove, descended upon the head of the child, saying, 'Cut the victim's bonds and scatter the pile, oh *Adjigarta*; Brahma is satisfied of thy obedience, and thy son's courage has found favour in his sight.'"

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

ANNUAL BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

THE Eighth Anniversary Festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund took place at the Alexandra Palace, on the afternoon of the 19th instant, under the presidency of Lieut.-General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., Grand Junior Warden. Amongst those present were Bros. C. F. Matier, Robert Berridge, R. G. Marsh, J. Waldram, Sigismund Rosenthal, H. W. Binckes, D. M. Dewar, and Frederick Binckes (Grand Mark Secretary), many of them being accompanied by the ladies of their families.

A sumptuous and well served banquet was followed by Loyal and Masonic toasts. The gallant chairman congratulated himself upon being for the first time thus honoured, where the presence of the fair sex added grace and charm to the occasion. Bro. Frederick Binckes proposed his health with some eloquence. The proceedings throughout were characterised by an obvious spirit of cordiality and enjoyment. The music was under the able direction of Madame Thaddeus Wells. We subjoin the list of Stewards.

Strachan, T. Y.	Prov. Northumberland and Durham	£10 10 0
Baker, H. M.	Dover and Cinque Ports Lodge 152	5 5 0
Berridge, Robert	Macdonald, No. 104	17 14 0
Mortlock, T. S.	Temple, No. 173	10 17 0
Duke, C. W.	East Sussex, No. 166	6 0 0
Brette, Rev. P. H. E.	St. Marks, No. 1	7 6 3
Webb, E. B.	Carnarvon, No. 7	15 15 0
Binckes, F.	Aldershot Lodge, No. 54	13 13 0
Norris, J. F.	Prov. of Bristol	15 0 0
Newhouse, Richard	Prov. of North Wales and Cheshire	11 11 0
Matthews, Henry	Britannia, No. 53	5 5 0
Morris, J. S.		
Wright, J. R.		
		£129 6 0

The regular meeting of the Grand Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, 19th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. J. Nunn P.G.S.B. in the chair, the vice chairs being occupied by Bro. Jas. Brett P.G.P. and E. P. Albert G.P. There were sixteen applicants who were relieved, to the amount of £296. There were present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, J. Smith, Griffiths Smith, Barrett, H. Garrod, S. Poynter, J. Bingemann, W. Murlis, T. Cobham, B. Swallow, J. J. Michael, Pownell, C. J. W. Davis, S. Rawson, W. Mann, J. Hervey G.S., H. G. Buss, Pendlebury, &c.

THE LONDON MASONIC CLUB.

WE call the attention of our readers to the inaugural banquet of the Masonic Club, which will be held on Wednesday next, the 26th instant. We anticipate the opening will be a great success, and we trust, for the sake of Craftsmen generally throughout the country, our anticipations will be realised. A club of this character is certainly needed. There is, in this huge metropolis of ours, absolutely no common ground on which brethren can meet and enjoy a quiet half hour or so. There is, as far as we know, not a single corporate body which has not some kind of head quarters, where members can meet and enjoy social intercourse with each other. The Masonic Club has been started to meet this want. The directors make no secret of their desire to promote Craft interests. It is not with them—so far as we have had an opportunity of judging—a commercial speculation. They are animated purely and simply by a desire to meet an acknowledged want. They have met thus far with a considerable amount of support, and if they go on as they have begun, we have no hesitation in saying they will be worthy the support of the whole fraternity. We shall probably have occasion to refer next week at greater length to the Masonic Club, but for the moment we must content ourselves with saying that the Directors have our hearty good wishes for the success of their project. Let those who desire to know more pay a visit to Bro. Joseph Langton, at the Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, or the Offices, 37 Queen-street, Victoria-street. They will be most courteously received, and will have every information most readily accorded them.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Middlesex and Surrey will be held this day, Saturday, at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 5 o'clock. A Lodge of Instruction will be opened at 4 o'clock. Tickets for the banquet (price 15s, including wine) can be had of the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. W. G. Brighten, 4 Bishopsgate-street-without.

A warrant has been granted by H.R.H. the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for a new Lodge to be called the West Smithfield Lodge. The meetings will be held at the New Market Tavern, West Smithfield. Bro. J. Smith P.M. P.G.P. is the W.M. designate, T. W. Adams S.W. 765 the S.W. designate, G. S. Elliott 749, 1275, and 1423, the J.W. designate, and F. Walters P.M. P.P.G.P. Middlesex, Secretary pro tem.

Bro. Dr. Farre, No. 1532, has been unanimously elected Medical Officer of Health for Lambeth.

We notice that at the National Rifle Association Meeting Corp. W. Sangstroth, of the Canadian Volunteers, was the winner of the Quarter Cask of "Specialité" Sherry given by Feltoe and Sons, of Albemarle Street. This was competed for on the 18th instant.

The Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607, which was consecrated on 18th May last, and which will hold its meetings at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, on the first Saturdays in the months of September, October, November, February, March and April, held an emergency meeting on the 17th inst., when five gentlemen were initiated into the Craft. The W.M., Bro. John Newton, P.M. 174, was ably supported by his officers, and the ceremony was worked most creditably. Bro. James Terry, who is an honorary member, was present. Bros. Hawksley 1196, W. Bateman 12, Miller and Fraser 174, were visitors. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren sat down to an elegant banquet, served by Bros. Bertram and Roberts. The occasion was rendered interesting by the presentation, by the founders, of a beautiful album to the wife of the S.W., Bro. Brown, for the interest shown by her in the organisation of the Lodge. The next meeting will take place on Saturday, the 2nd September next.

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

CONSECRATION OF THE WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 1612.

ON Saturday last another Lodge was added to those on the muster roll of the Grand Lodge of England. The pretty little suburb of Ealing is the locality selected for its head quarters, and accordingly, at half past three o'clock, there was a large assemblage of the brethren to meet the Very Worshipful Brother John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who had kindly consented to officiate as the Consecrating Officer. The intense heat of the weather during the past fortnight had naturally raised some anxiety in the minds of the promoters of this gathering as to the capabilities of the Ealing Institute, where the brethren intend holding the meetings of their Lodge, to accommodate all who were expected to attend on this interesting occasion. However, it was soon evident that those who had undertaken the management of the day's proceedings were fully capable of carrying out all that was required of them, and when the company had taken their places an air of comfort was apparent that at once showed the brethren were not new to their work. The Lodge room had been most elegantly laid out, the furniture and appointments were of a neat and substantial character. Bro. A. Beasley, P.M. of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, well known and highly respected as one of the most careful and intelligent of the supporters of our great Institution, was the Worshipful Master designate, and we much question whether a more competent brother could have been chosen, or one more fitted to ensure the prosperity of a new Lodge.

Bro. H. G. Buss, Prov. Grand Treasurer, Middlesex, acted as Director of the Ceremonies, and, marshalled by him, the brethren entered the Lodge room. Bro. John Hervey took the chair, and appointed Bro. Thomas Fenn P.G.D. to the Senior Warden's chair, and Bro. Weaver P.M. to that of the Junior Warden. Bro. J. Chambers Roe acting as Secretary. The Lodge was then formally opened. Brother Hervey addressed the brethren, and in the course of his remarks referred to his long experience, which enabled him to point out the shoals and quicksands that should be avoided if they wished prosperity to attend them. He adjured them to be specially careful in the selection of those who might offer themselves as candidates for initiation, and also that the antecedents of those brethren who might desire to join the Lodge should be carefully inquired into. He mentioned instances that had come under his notice, where one obnoxious brother had upset the good feeling that had existed, and had even caused the breaking up of a Lodge. He spoke of the feeling of charity that should exist,—not charity in the common acceptation of the term, but that charity that taught us all to bear with what we might think the shortcomings of our neighbours, and with those with whom we might be intimately associated. He urged on those who might in the future have the appointment of brethren to fill the several posts, to be careful in the choice of officers to govern the Lodge. Much might be said in favour of office by rotation, but unless members qualified themselves for a proper performance of their duties, others, more worthy, should be selected. Our esteemed brother then referred to the power held by the members of Lodges in the use of the blackball, and earnestly commended them to use that power with judgment and discretion. He hoped that no private piques, or petty jealousies, would ever actuate any of those present while exercising the powers thus vested in them. Bro. Hervey, whose address was most attentively listened to, concluded by expressing the pleasure he felt at being present, and hoped a brilliant future was before the West Middlesex Lodge.

After prayer by the Rev. O. G. D. Perrott, late Head Master of the Royal Masonic School for Boys, Bro. Roe read the petition and warrant. Approval having been given to the Officers named, the Consecrating Officer called on the Chaplain, Bro. Perrott, who delivered the following oration:—

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—Having already assisted at one Consecration to-day, that of a neighbouring church, and melting, like several I see around me, under the present more than tropical heat, I feel that this is not an occasion for making a long speech, and I shall therefore not weary you by indulging in those commonplaces, not unfrequently, perhaps, insincere, about inability, &c, but proceed direct to the task assigned me, viz:—an oration, if I may venture to call such the few remarks I have to make, respecting the nature and principles of Freemasonry. In an age like the present, when every Institution, whatever its antiquity and usefulness, has suffered more or less from the inroads of the sceptical and levelling tendencies of the day, it is not to be wondered at that our Craft has been from time to time assailed, ridiculed and even anathematised; and if this is more especially true of its present history, it is not less true of the past; and, notwithstanding all that has been said against it, I make bold to say that never did the Craft stand on a firmer basis than at present, rearing its head aloft at the grandest ceremony ever witnessed, in the Albert Hall, and having for its chief H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The uninitiated may well enquire, what can this system be which exhibits such vitality, and has survived the many attacks that have been made against it? And, Worshipful Sir and Brother, without committing myself, or pledging you to an acceptance of those traditions which would point to Adam as the first Freemason, and would identify as brethren of the Craft the sons of Lamech, who are said to have engraved our secrets on certain stone pillars, which should outlive the Deluge, it seems pretty certain that Freemasonry can boast not only of considerable antiquity, extending back perhaps into the sphere of immemorial tradition, but also of many persons of illustrious rank, and of men of genius and talent, whose works survive as monuments of their greatness, and who have held the proud position of Grand Masters of our Craft. I need mention only the names of Sir Christopher Wren, whose magnificent structure is at once the pride and ornament of our metropolis, of Inigo Jones, and of Cardinal Wolsey, who, notwithstanding his ambitious projects, is said never to have neglected his duties as Grand Master. And what is it, brethren,

which has given such stability to our Order? Is it not from the fact of its being based on the three grand principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth? Yes, we may point with pride to our Charities, which testify to the benevolence of past and present members of the Order, no less a sum than £32,000 having been subscribed during the present year. And here I would remark, quoting words which fell from the lips of our late revered Grand Master, that these Charities ought not to be dependent on the generosity of the same few, who always give liberally, but that every brother should give his quota, remembering the old adage, "Mony a mickle makes a muckle." I need not plead with Freemasons about the duty of giving, for it is a practical expression of our belief in Brotherly Love, and besides giving, to quote the words of another distinguished Brother, it becomes our duty to take an interest in the working of our charities, and I feel sure, that by occasionally visiting them, and watching, and aiding in their management, great good would result to our Charities; let those who cannot make themselves at once Life Subscribers, and Life Governors sink the pride they may feel in seeing their names in print, and give, according to their means, towards the endowment of the chairs in a Lodge; in this way, as is done in some of the provinces, greater power in the management of the Charities is acquired by the Lodge, and the success of one's candidates becomes more assured. Another principle on which our Craft is based, is Truth; we are required to rule our every action by that unerring volume of truth which lies open in every Lodge, and which reveals to us the Word of God. I fear that much of the ridicule to which we are exposed is owing to the licence and excess which some few brethren indulge in, and which the laws of the land do not tolerate even in places of public resort. It was only the other day, when mentioning to a friend our ceremony of to-day, he observed, "It is all moonshine, you are no better than Antediluvian Buffaloes, it is all knife and fork business with you Masons, only a question of eating and drinking." Now it can hardly be questioned that this is a prevalent opinion amongst the uninitiated, and however true it may be with respect to some few amongst us, I venture to say, that the great majority of the brethren do act up to the principles they profess, that though they may, like other mortals, have their differences, still they do forget and forgive with that brotherly love they profess, and reflect in the general tenour of their lives the grand principles of the Order. And, brethren, may it please the Grand Architect of the Universe to grant that all the members of this Lodge may be bright members of the Craft, and may become living stones in that Grand Lodge above where all secrets shall be revealed.

The ceremony of Consecration was then proceeded with, in accordance with the customary formalities.

Bro. Buss then introduced Bro. A. Beasley as the W.M. designate, and Bro. Hervey most impressively performed the ceremony of installation. After the W.M. had been saluted, the Officers were invested, as follow:—

Bro. Thomas Kingston W.M. 862 S.W., H. L. P. Kasner 382 J.W., T. Brown P.M. 780 Treasurer, J. Chambers Roe S.W. 780 Secretary, Burr S.D., Green J.D., Compton I.G., Leonard D.C., Rev. O. G. D. Perrott Chaplain, F. Delevanti Organist, Harrison Tyler.

The W.M. said the first duty he had to perform was a pleasant one indeed, it was to thank Bro. Hervey, and those who had rendered him such goodly assistance, for their kindness. It was not much the Lodge could do in return, but he would propose that Bros. Hervey, Fenn, Weaver, Buss, and their Reverend Bro. Perrott, be elected honorary members of the West Middlesex Lodge. This proposition was seconded, and unanimously carried. After Bro. Hervey had acknowledged the compliment, for himself and those associated with him in the day's proceedings, the bye-laws for the governance of the Lodge were finally approved, and propositions for initiation and joining were handed in. The Lodge was then closed.

The brethren afterwards repaired to Brown's Hotel, where an excellent banquet had been provided. After the cloth had been removed, Bro. Beasley, who presided, rose and said, that he should, during the evening, set an example, by only making short speeches. His first toast would be that of the Queen and the Craft. We all honour and revere Her Majesty the Queen, and he was sure all present also honoured and revered the Craft. The National Anthem having been sung, the W.M. gave the toast of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. It was gratifying to them all to know that the Prince of Wales considered it an honour to be at the head of the Order. This toast was followed by the solo and chorus, "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The next on the list was the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. The Worshipful Master said this toast was of personal interest to the members of the West Middlesex Lodge, as the names of the most prominent of the Grand Officers had been brought before them in reading the Lodge Warrant. Bro. Thomas Fenn, Past Grand Deacon, with whose name he would associate the toast, was a power in Masonry, and whenever he went into a Lodge he conferred an honour on those he visited. Bros. Baxter, Carter and Lawler then sang the glee, "Just like Love." Bro. Fenn, in replying, thanked the brethren for the compliment they had paid him in coupling his name with the toast. "Just like Love," is an old saying, and he thought that a gay young bachelor like Bro. Hervey was in a better position to reply after such a song than he who was a grandfather. He had been a member of Grand Lodge upwards of twelve years, and he considered the Grand Officers were always willing and desirous to be of service to members of the Craft, and in consideration of their devotion to Masonry they were honoured with the Purple. These appointments were necessarily limited. He had never been at Ealing before, but he considered, from its importance, that it ought to be represented in the Parliament of Freemasonry. He considered the remarks of the Grand Secretary as to the choice of officers were correct, and that the prosperity of a Lodge was dependent on careful selection.

The next toast, the V.W. the Consecrating Officer, Bro. J. Hervey, G.S., P.G.D., was proposed by the W.M., who remarked that Bro.

Hervey was fully entitled to their recognition as a Grand Officer. Personally, he owed a great debt to Bro. Hervey, who had guided his steps into the right path whenever he had consulted him on the business of the Lodge, and whose knowledge of the Constitutions had been of great service; and they had to thank him for the great service he had performed in consecrating the Lodge, the ceremony, which had occupied upwards of two hours, being most perfect. Bro. Hervey acknowledged the toast, and concluded by proposing the health of the W.M.; the Lodge, he said, was sure to prosper under his Mastership. Bro. Beasley said he would not detain the company. He could not allow a moment to elapse ere he acknowledged the toast which had just been honoured. All he had done had been with a hearty good will, for the common good, and for their Lodge in particular. A Lodge at Ealing had been proposed for some time, and when he was asked to be the first W.M. he was extremely gratified. He had been greatly assisted in the formation of the Lodge by Bro. Roe, the Secretary, and he was sure no better Secretary could be found. During his year of office he was glad to have so able an assistant. He would endeavour to set an example to his successors, and always do his best for the West Middlesex Lodge.

The toast of the W.M. of "The Recommending Lodge" was then given, and Bros. Gardiner W.M. and Hilton I.P.M. the Alfred Lodge responded. Bro. Hilton congratulated the W.M. on his occupying the chair of the West Middlesex Lodge. "The Chaplain and other Assistant Consecrating Officers" was then given, the W.M. thanking them personally for their assistance. Bros. Perrott, Buss and Weaver responded. The Secretary, the Treasurer, the Visitors and the Press were severally honoured by toasts, and each was responded to. The "Officers of the Lodge" and the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings. Amongst the visitors were Bros. John Hervey, T. Fenn, Rev. O. G. D. Perrott, R. E. Hannis, J. Laye, E. H. Taylor, Thomas Lawler, Gardiner, W. Goss, Tyrrell, Hilton, Bourne, J. W. Fisher, B. Sidney Wilmot, J. Green, Wm. Hilton, C. B. Payne, A. M. Yetts, J. B. Lancaster, R. Kershaw, W. F. Savage, W. T. Wrighton, Geo. Watts, James Weaver, W. Savage, W. J. Murlis, F. Lawrance, C. J. Taylor, C. F. Fogarty, R. Cocker, H. Massey, W. W. Morgan, &c.

SUMMER EXCURSION OF THE LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 3.

NOTHING is, of course, more highly essential to the success of a summer excursion than fine bright weather: wanting this element, all the arrangements, though faultlessly made, and after the maturest consideration, and, though the localities chosen to be visited may be the loveliest existing in this fair creation—the ladies the most charming and the gentlemen the most chivalrous,—yet, when Dame Nature puts on her garbs of sadness, and appears, to a fanciful view, to be shedding "tears of regret for the loss of the sun," all efforts seem to be in vain, and that which was hoped to be a bright memory in the future, becomes only a sad regret when it has passed away in the ever rolling stream of time.

When, however, everything is the reverse of this—when the sun beams high, and scatters his genial rays all round—when gentle breezes make the "little leaves to sing;" when glorious weather induces the finny tribe to dart about, and the hearts of all to leap with ever increasing pleasure, when the verdure is in its gayest green, presenting an infinite variety of charming objects, panoramas of living loveliness, "ever fresh and ever fair," on every hand—when birds chirp and summer airs sigh—we feel that the world is full of beauty, and that "Nature is the chart of God, mapping out all His attributes.

Such a glorious day was Thursday, the 13th instant, the day chosen by the members of the Fidelity Lodge for their annual excursion, in the Maria Wood, on the Thames. The place selected for the starting point was Kew-Bridge, the hour twelve o'clock. Previous to this, just 111 ladies and gentlemen, including several friends of the brethren, had assembled, at an elegant *déjeuner*, awaiting their arrival, and Edward's London Nobility Band prepared to furnish those lively strains without which, what has been named by Schiller "corporeal poesy," becomes, if not impossible, at least exceedingly tame. At 12 o'clock the guns were fired, and, drawn by seven horses, we proceeded at the majestic pace of about half a mile an hour towards the fair town of Richmond.

A well selected programme of dances had been prepared, and, once "on the wing," this ever favourite pastime was commenced. We had not "sailed" far before, notwithstanding the consummate skill of two "trusty and well-beloved liegemen" at the helm, we ran aground, in consequence of the lowness of the tide. This occurred on two or three other occasions during the day, but many were so intent on saltatory exercises as not even to notice the temporary cessation of progress. For—

What care we for wind or tide,
Whether we ground, or whether we glide?
On, on with the dance, let mirth abound,
With landscapes peering all around.

On approaching Richmond, the band, with that inherent sense of just appreciation, which is not uncommon amongst Englishmen, complimented the inhabitants by playing that most delightful old ditty, "The Lass of Richmond Hill," and the company soon after, between three and four o'clock, left the covered deck, which was crowned with an awning, and went below, where the banquet was served, supplemented by a magnificent dessert. The temperature of the weather being exceedingly high, made the libations of iced champagne and claret cup peculiarly acceptable, especially to the dance-fatigued company. The repast over, a few speeches appropriate to the occasion were made, and cordial thanks given to all who had so successfully organised the day's excursion, the names of Bros. J. Phillips W.M., H. Dearsley P.M. Treasurer, J. Squire P.M. Secretary, and

J. W. Squire M.C., being particularly specified, each and all of these brethren were indefatigable in their exertions throughout. Some excellent songs succeeded, after which dancing was resumed and continued till the programme was exhausted. The greatest distance traversed was a little below Richmond, and at eight o'clock Kew Bridge was regained. But the company, who had enjoyed so brilliant a day, felt little disposed to separate at that early hour, and a number of extra dances were added whilst the barge remained moored in the middle of the river. At length, at nine o'clock, the "National Anthem" was played, and soon the gratified company were landed in boats, whence by rail and road they speedily reached their homes once more, their only regret being that so long a period as twelve months must elapse before another excursion of the "Fidelity" will take place, and "joys then sweet, now sad to mention" can be renewed.

A word of praise is most certainly due to those who so successfully organized and brought to conclusion the proceedings of a day, charming in every aspect.—[Communicated.]

In Memoriam.

FRANK W. CHURCHILL SIMMONS, Obit 15th May 1876.

A mind as pure as the purest
His genius loved to form,
A tongue framed to words of kindness,
A heart that was true and warm.
Warm and impulsive ever,
The ready hand to guide,
In assisting a suffering brother,
Fainting by life's way-side.
Cheerfully bearing the burden
'Mid the heat of the toilsome day;
Long ere the hour of sunset
The workman was called away.
From the sorrow, the care, and the labour,
To the rest that the weary crave,
From hearts that, bowed by their sorrow, mourn
The scholar, man, friend, and companion, gone;
"May the earth rest light on his grave."

It is our painful duty to announce the sudden death of Brother the Rev. Frank W. Churchill Simmons, Past Grand Chaplain, District of Otago, N.Z., the Head Master of the Nelson College, who was found dead in his bed at Foxhill, on the morning of Monday, 15th May inst. For some weeks past our brother had been suffering acutely from rheumatic fever. Last week, however, he felt better, and on Saturday left Nelson for Foxhill, in company with Mrs. Simmons, intending to return yesterday. On Sunday evening Bro. Simmons appeared well and in good spirits. He retired to rest early, but was unable to sleep, and in consequence took a dose of chloral, which proving inefficacious, at a later hour he took a second dose of the drug, with (as was proved at the inquest) fatal effect. In the morning Mrs. Simmons called him at half-past six, to enable him to return to town by the early train, when the discovery was made that he was dead. The Rev. Frank W. Churchill Simmons was educated at Rugby and Lincoln College, Oxford, where he graduated in 1852. He was appointed Head Master of the Dunedin High School in 1865, in succession to the Rev. Mr. Campbell, who was drowned in Dunedin Harbour just after his arrival in the Colony. The Rev. Bro. Simmons continued to discharge the duties of the office to which he was appointed with conspicuous ability, and speedily won for himself a scholastic reputation, and for the school over which he presided the first position in the Colony. Then came the episode of his humorous letter to his old friend the late Bishop of Brechin, who having in a rash moment put the epistle into print, caused a commotion among the "unco guid" in Dunedin, who straightway, with all the ferocity of narrow minds, fell upon the writer, and by imputing evil where none existed, succeeded in making Bro. Simmons's position a very uncomfortable one. So successful were his detractors, that he was glad at the end of 1867 to embrace the chance of changing his place of residence by accepting the Head Mastership of Nelson College. Of his work here it is impossible in a short obituary notice to speak in adequate terms. It may be all summed up in this, that Nelson College is in the first rank of the educational establishments of the Colony, and this is chiefly due to the remarkable power possessed by our deceased brother to impart the knowledge of which he possessed an extraordinary store. So much for his public career. Those who knew him privately—as friends know each other—can tell how thorough and true a gentleman he was. Never prone to resent, and ever ready to forgive an affront; quick to apologise if even inadvertently he had, as he thought, hurt any one's feelings; liberal with his purse in any charitable direction, full of true sympathy with real distress of every kind, genial and hospitable, with weaknesses like the rest of us, such was our Bro. Simmons. Deceased was a member of the Southern Star Lodge, Nelson 735 (E.C.), and a Companion of Trafalgar R.A. Chapter 157 (S.C.), and his fellow-workmen mourn for him as a worthy brother called by the Grand Master from labour to rest. The funeral was attended by a very large number of the friends of the deceased gentleman. The mournful *cortège* left the College at half-past two for the Stoke Cemetery. Immediately after the hearse were coaches containing the nearest and dearest relatives and friends of the departed, and behind these came the Collegiate scholars, followed by a great many young men who had left the institution, but bore in grateful and respectful remembrance the valued services of a kind and able master. After these a carriage containing the College Governors and the masters of the various public schools, then came three carriages occupied by well-known members of the Masonic fraternity (without the regalia of the Order) and the sad procession closed with a long string of vehicles of every kind,

The service in the Church was read by the Bishop of Nelson, assisted by the Rev. J. Kempthorne, after which his Lordship read the service at the grave in a very impressive manner. At the conclusion of the service, according to the time-honoured custom of Freemasonry, the brethren present drew near the open grave and deposited sprigs of acacia upon the coffin, thus paying a last tribute of respect to the memory of their well-loved and deservedly esteemed Brother Frank W. Churchill Simmons.—*New Zealand Paper.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

—:O:—

We have received a communication from Bro. Walter Hill, of No. 517, late of No. 1233, dated Wellington, N.Z., 20th May, setting forth, "in extenso," certain complaints of irregularities of Masonic working in that city which have been preferred by him to the Grand Secretary, together with Bro. Hervey's replies to the same.

No good purpose can be served by publishing a grievance which is not preferred by a strong section of the Craft, which re-opens questions which have already received the attention of the Colonial Board, and which has been officially dismissed. Bro. Hill's complaints may be founded on proved irregularities, and he may feel hurt that his zeal for the law has not been fruitful in result. But we must all remember that in an administration of the Order so widely spread, whose members cohere loosely in the remoter branches, the utmost circumspection is needed on the part of the executive, lest any pressure which may be applied to certain points may derange interests of more vital consequence. Many political systems of the present day exemplify the evils of *over-zeal* and *over-government*. Our executive has to exercise a wise discretion in treating delicate questions, in the face of which, individuals should condone difficulties where possible, cementing and healing to the utmost of their power: ever bearing in mind that the very essence of all organizations is obedience to constituted authority, and that before its decisions (founded, may be, on grounds not appreciable to a private member) it is our duty to give way.

BRO. BAXTER LANGLEY AND HIS CRITICS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

17th July 1876.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I know that your *Correspondence Column* is open to all good men and true; but lest silence should be construed to imply consent, I venture, for myself at least, to disclaim sympathy (apart from any difference of opinion) with the topic referred to by "A Sympathising Student." I deem it calculated to give offence, consequently in bad taste—and fervently trust that this is the last allusion which will be made to it.

Yours faithfully,

WALTER SPENCER.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR AND BROTHER,—A question has frequently been raised among the Lodges of New Zealand upon which all are not agreed as to the position of a brother defaulting in payment of his fees—whether he ceases to be a member, or is merely *suspended*? The opinion of your correspondents upon this important matter will be highly esteemed and acknowledged. (1) Can a Mason, after a long cessation of his payments, return back to his Lodge by payment of twelve months' dues, and (2) can such a defaulter claim re-admission on application to his mother Lodge, *under any circumstances*, without again undergoing the ordeal of the ballot?

I remain,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

W. M. S.

Southern Star Lodge, 735,
Nelson, New Zealand, June 1876.

THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Any brother who has read the report of "A Conference of Delegates," held in London on the 3rd and 4th April 1871, on "the subject of the position of the Mark Degree in England," would all but anticipate the reply of Bro. Binckes to "W. G. R.," who will now understand that regularly advanced Mark Masters, *i.e.* brethren advanced to that degree under the authority of either the Grand Lodge of Scotland, or Supreme Grand Royal

Arch Chapter of Scotland, will be received into Mark Master Lodges in England. Thanks, Bro. Binckes.

I suppose I may give an opinion on the still unanswered questions of "W. G. R.," and, *first*: Lodges acting as described by him are exceeding the powers conferred on them by their Charter, but let it not be forgotten, as I previously hinted, that this state of matters is confined almost, if not altogether, to Glasgow.

Second. Seeing that those who receive the degree of Mark Master in a Craft Lodge, have no right to claim admittance under Royal Arch authority, First Principals of Chapters are justified in refusing admittance to those so advanced; but how does this contrast with the fraternal spirit exemplified by Bro. Binckes, speaking on behalf of English Mark Master Lodges, and that the more especially, as in both the Scottish cases, at least, it is the same ritual that is worked? *Multum ex parvo.*

Bro. W. G. R. has made a slight mistake in persons, the John Laurie who signed the Circular is the same John Laurie who is now Grand Secretary.

Yours fraternally,

NOUS VERRONS.

REVIEWS.

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

—:O:—

Early History and Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, 1781—1815. Published by authority of the Grand Lodge. Granted to Kane Lodge, No. 454, June 1874. Parts I., II., III., IV. New York: Masonic and Miscellaneous Publishers, No. 2 Bleecker-street. D. Sickles and Co., Managers. 1876.

We think it well, at the outset, and before entering upon our notice of this important work, to express our hearty thanks to the "Masonic and Miscellaneous Publishers" of New York for their courtesy in forwarding us a copy of the numbers thus far issued of this history. In common with all others who are engaged in Masonic literature and the promotion of its interests, we heartily welcome the appearance of every new work which seems likely to throw light on the history of our Craft. Why it is that, in the case of a body which from the period of its revival in the early part of the 18th century till now and which has always and in all countries numbered amongst its members so many conspicuous personages, its progress should be involved in so much doubt and obscurity is a point we acknowledge it is beyond our power to solve. We can fathom the mystery to a certain extent. We see good reason why the work of a secret society should be kept secret from the general public. We can understand that over-scrupulous members should object to any measure of publicity being accorded to any of the archives of our Craft. We can see well enough why it is that at different periods in our career doubts may have arisen as to the literal accuracy of our rituals. But every Mason of average intelligence knows well where the line must be drawn between what it is imperative should be held sacred and inviolable from the inquisition of profanes, and what may harmlessly be made known to the whole community. Masonry is indeed a secret body. That is, Masons have secrets which it were an act of the foulest perjury to divulge. These secrets, as all our brethren are aware, are quite harmless, nor have we established them or insisted upon their strict observance through any sense of shame or fear that, if published, they would involve us in discredit. It is open to any reputable person, to any one who is free and of unblemished character, to seek admission into our brotherhood, and once there he will in time be entrusted with a knowledge of all our mysteries. We are not, then, a secret society in the sense ordinarily attached to the definition of a number of persons banded together for political or other purposes. We have no fear whatever of Light, indeed, it is the constant endeavour of all true and upright Masons to obtain more and more of this infinite blessing. We have, however, our forms and ceremonies, and these are very properly known only among ourselves. We say, again, that up to certain point we can well understand why it is the Masonic historian should experience a great amount of difficulty in fulfilling his duty as a chronicler. In the earlier days of speculative Freemasonry it was not made sufficiently clear what might be published, and what must be kept a profound secret. But no society of men was ever yet formed whose existence did not sooner or later become known among the community in which it existed, and of which it necessarily formed a part, and hardly any society of men, of which we have read, has ever existed in an organised form which has not left records, more or less trustworthy, of its organisation. At the very outset of our Order in modern times, the different Masonic bodies existing in London met together, and established a Grand-Lodge, appointing officers and laying down rules for its government. This Grand Lodge had not been in existence many years before it exercised the authority vested in it, and established other Masonic bodies, not only in other parts of England, but likewise in other countries. Gradually, as Freemasonry obtained more and more countenance from the public, as it attracted within its ranks more and more personages of rank and station and parts, the Grand Lodge, which sufficed for the government of a small number of Lodges, found itself becoming more and more powerless to deal with a greater number scattered about in different parts of the world. Hence, authority was issued by the primary Grand Lodge to the leading members of our fraternity in more distant places, granting them powers to organise Provincial and district governments after its own model. As time wore on, some of these dependent Masonic governments claimed and exercised independence. Thus, in a very few years from the Revival in 1717, not only was the Grand Lodge, in

London, at the head of a number of Provincial Grand Lodges, scattered about in countries colonised by, or politically dependent upon, England, but a number of similar bodies elsewhere, indebted, in the first place, for their existence to the London Grand Lodge, had made themselves independent, had established their own form of government, and exercised undoubted jurisdiction over brethren residing within the limits of their several districts. All this, however, involved no secrecy whatever. It is one thing to know that certain persons are Freemasons; it is quite another to know what constitutes being a Mason. The former knowledge might safely be made public, the latter could not be divulged. But warrants for new Lodges, deputations for new Provincial Grand Masterships, must have had about them some evidence they were issued by some legally constituted authority. Some records must have been kept of who granted them, and to whom and when they were granted. It is but natural to suppose that a register of all such important documents was established, and that more than ordinary care would be exercised in preserving it. But, while for centuries before the Revival it was deemed necessary in the outer or profane world to establish legal evidence of certain things, and carefully preserve and transmit from generation to generation all such documents; while in nearly all ages, in the absence of direct, we mostly find important indirect or circumstantial testimony in support of this or that deed or grant; in Freemasonry there exists the most profound difficulty in tracing any matter of real historic value. Considering, as we have said, how soon Freemasonry attracted within its fold so many men of station, it seems, to say the least, strange that so little remains to us of the early archives of the Craft. Our laws or Constitutions, as published or amended at different epochs, are preserved. Old and curious MSS. yet remain to excite the enthusiasm of the curious. But of the earlier warrants few exist in these days, and when a learned brother assumes to himself the rôle of an historian, he finds he is beset on all sides by difficulties of the gravest character. Let him essay to trace the progress of Freemasonry in England and abroad, and he will be, even at the outset, well nigh forced to abandon the task in despair. Of course, if he cares to discharge his duty in a perfunctory manner, he may succeed in compiling a very readable and probably a highly interesting sketch. This, however, is not what we have in view. We are thinking of an authentic history of the Craft, which students may not only read but have confidence in. Masonic historians of past days have been content to accept statements of the loosest and most untrustworthy character, or they have advanced theories of their own on very insufficient warrant. They have, indeed, fulfilled their duty most imperfectly, following, we fear, very exactly in the footsteps of our earliest rulers, who seem to have been at marvellously little pains to preserve evidence of the constitution and development of a society, which it was their great pride to have served in so healthful and so glorious a fashion. So much for the importance we attach to any carefully prepared addition to the historic literature of the Craft. So much in the way of welcoming such additions, when we have reason to believe it undertaken with the *bona fide* object of illuminating the mind of Craftsmen as to the earlier history of the Masonic fraternity. This history of the New York Grand Lodge is undertaken by the Kano Lodge, No. 454 of that jurisdiction, with the sanction and by the authority of Grand Lodge itself. We bring ourselves, therefore, to the study of its pages with a strong prejudice in its favour. We feel assured the work will be done carefully, and we hope it will be done exhaustively. We shall not, however, allow our judgment to be overruled by our partiality. We shall have the candour to note errors, if such are found, whether they be errors of omission or of commission. We are anxious that the history of Freemasonry should be as authentic as the histories of other societies, and the only prospect we have of seeing this wish realised is to fulfil the duties of the critic with perfect impartiality. In this spirit we now enter upon those duties.

The introductory chapter contains all that is known of Freemasonry in the State of New York prior to the establishment of the Grand Lodge in 1781. When we say that about forty pages suffice for details extending over some fifty years, our readers will at once perceive that what is vouchsafed in them is meagre in the extreme. This, of course, is no fault of the editor and his coadjutors. They have laboriously collated every document of importance, every scrap of intelligence from contemporaneous literature that could possibly throw even a feeble ray of light on the doings of Craftsmen during this period of time. Small blame, indeed, to the workmen who has an arduous task to accomplish, and only the scantiest materials wherewith to accomplish it. What is done, however, is done well. The matter that has been brought together is from authentic sources. More might, of course, have been written had the compilers endued themselves with more or less of that imaginative power which has distinguished so many of our historians. They have rightly availed themselves of what can be authenticated, and that only; and as our New York brethren prior to 1781 appear to have been very chary in their labours, the story, of necessity, is imperfect. Further researches may, perhaps, result in further valuable discoveries, but what is furnished in this chapter seems to us to represent the sum and substance of what is known to have occurred between 1730 and 1781. Roughly described, the contents show the establishment of the Provincial Grand Lodge and the Lodges under its jurisdiction, most of the latter being still on the roll of Grand Lodge. Now and again we come across a letter or document of surpassing interest, illustrating the character of Masonry in those days, but generally the matter exhibits, in chronological sequence, the constitution and early progress of the several Lodges. This at some later period may be amplified. But what is here collated will ever remain the backbone, as it were, of every history that may be written, and Bro. "John G. Barker, P.G. Librarian," whose name is subscribed to the chapter, is worthy of all praise for the labour he must have bestowed on his work and the success he has achieved in his performance. One slight omission calls for remark. We fully endorse the maxim of Horace as to people, and writers among others, plunging at once in *mediis res*. Even a line or two, however, should have been

furnished as to the Revival of Freemasonry in England in 1717. The "deputation" of 1730 was among the earliest results of that revival. We do not think the Craft heretofore has shown itself very enthusiastic in its study of our history, not more so, perhaps, in New York than in other Masonic jurisdictions. Only a very few brethren have even heard of this revival, which is certainly a most important epoch in our history. The date of this, the certain origin of Modern Masonry, would have been news to most Craftsmen, and would assuredly have added to the completeness of the sketch.

(To be continued.)

The Elements of Banking. By HENRY DUNNING MACLEOD, M.A. London: Longmans and Co.

THERE are few subjects connected with the science of political economy so generally important, or so little understood, as the science of banking. That it is important, a single fact will suffice to show. It is estimated that, at the time of the commencement of the Franco-Prussian War, the total amount of the precious metals in use in France as money, ranged between 330 and 350 millions sterling. Now England, by means of a more perfect system of banking, is able to conduct a business far larger than that of France, with a metallic currency that does not exceed one-third of this amount. That it is little understood by the generality of people is evident from the success which has, from time to time, attended the efforts of reckless speculators, to foist sham banking companies upon the public. The present work, written by a thorough master of the subject, is well adapted to enlighten business men as to both the theory and practice of banking. A thoroughly practical book, it yet does not fail to show the *rationale* of the various operations to which it refers, whilst its comments on the numerous legal points raised are eminently judicious and valuable. A careful study of this volume may preserve the speculative man from many a bad investment, and even the ordinary reader, who may possibly never have invested a sovereign in his life, will find his knowledge of the general business world around him considerably increased by its perusal. The author's remarks on accommodation bills call to mind a trial of some importance which occurred about this time last year. He says:—"From these accommodation bills to forged bills there is but one step. It is but a thin line of division between drawing upon a man who is notoriously utterly unable to pay, and drawing upon a person who does not exist at all, or forging an acceptance. In practical morality, and in its practical effects there is none." We can, with every confidence, recommend this book to the consideration of all who are in the slightest degree interested in the questions of which it treats.

THE DRAMA.

The close of the Season—The Haymarket.

THE dramatic season is now rapidly on the wane. Covent Garden has closed its doors, the farewell performance of Her Majesty's Opera at Drury Lane takes place on Monday, the Court Theatre closes on Friday next, and the Prince of Wales's a week later; whilst the Olympic, the St. James's, the Opera Comique, the Charing Cross and the Globe are closed already. That theatre of many aliases, the Holborn, or, as it now happens to be termed, THE DUKE'S, has been converted into a promenade concert hall, and flowers, ferns, ice grottos, fountains and fair lady singers have taken the places of comedy, tragedy, farce and extravaganza. The only novelty—if such it may be called—in theatrical matters, is the revival of *Wild Oats* at the HAYMARKET, with Miss Henrietta Hodson in the character of Lady Aramant. The cast of the present performance will hardly bear comparison with that of the original production of the play, when Macready, Munden, Lewis, Quick and Blanchard sustained the principle male parts, and Miss Pope played the heroine—but the piece is fairly acted for all that, Mr. Howe and Mr. Harcourt showing especial excellence.

At the last regular meeting of the One and All Lodge, No. 330, Bodmin, the ballot was taken for W. Bro. John Constable, P.M. 185, as a joining member, and was unanimous, as expected. At the former meeting the proposition to that effect was made by W. Bro. Capt. Colvill, P.M. 330, P. Prov. S.G.W. of Cornwall, and seconded by W. Bro. Richard Rich, P.M. 330, P. Prov. J.G.W. of Cornwall, and was received with acclamation, likewise a vote of thanks to Bro. Constable and Mrs. Constable for their valuable services and numerous votes in aiding in the election of Mrs. Harvey (the widow of Past Master Harvey of the Lodge) as an annuitant of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The vote of thanks and the certificate of honorary membership have been duly forwarded to Bro. Constable, and as it is the second of its kind from Cornwall, our energetic brother may be excused if he feels a "wee bit" proud. The certificate is signed by the regular officers of the Lodge, the W.M., John Crang, being Mayor of Bodmin, and the J.W. the Hon. T. C. Agar-Robartes, son of Lord Robartes of Lanhydrock,

LONDON MASONIC CLUB.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.—The Committee have much pleasure in informing the Members that the Club premises were 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.

Now ready, Price 3s 6d, Crown 8vo, cloth, gilt.

MASONIC PORTRAITS.

REPRINTED FROM "THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE."

The Volume will contain the following:—

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. OUR LITERARY BROTHER. | 17. THE CHRISTIAN MINISTER. |
| 2. A DISTINGUISHED MASON. | 18. THE MYSTIC. |
| 3. THE MAN OF ENERGY. | 19. A MODEL MASON. |
| 4. FATHER TIME. | 20. A CHIP FROM JOFFA. |
| 5. A CORNER STONE. | 21. A PILLAR OF MASONRY. |
| 6. THE CRAFTSMAN. | 22. BAYARD. |
| 7. THE GOWNSMAN. | 23. A RIGHT HAND MAN. |
| 8. AN EASTERN STAR. | 24. OUR CITIZEN BROTHER. |
| 9. THE KNIGHT ERRANT. | 25. AN ABLE PRECEPTOR. |
| 10. THE OCTOGONARIAN. | 26. AN ANCIENT BRITON. |
| 11. A ZEALOUS OFFICER. | 27. THE ARTIST. |
| 12. THE SOLDIER. | 28. THE FATHER OF THE LODGE. |
| 13. FROM UNDER THE CROWN. | 29. A SHINING LIGHT. |
| 14. OUR HERCULES. | 30. AN ART STUDENT. |
| 15. A MERCHANT PRINCE. | 31. THE MARINER. |
| 16. THE CHURCHMAN. | 32. A SOLDIER OF FORTUNE. |
| | 33. "OLD MUG." |

London: W. W. MORGAN.

Or by Order of all Booksellers, or will be sent, free by post, direct from the Office, 67 Barbican.

"A suitable gift from a Master to his Lodge."

NEATLY BOUND IN CLOTH, PRICE 8s 6d EACH,

THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE,

VOLUMES I., II. and III.

London:—W. W. MORGAN, 67 Barbican, E.C.

Sent, Carriage Paid, to any address in the United Kingdom, on receipt of Cheque or P.O.O.

Cloth Cases for Binding can be had from the Offices, price 1s 6d each.

ALEXANDRA PALACE.

SEASON TICKETS, available for one year from the 1st of each month, and entitling the holder to a chance in the Alexandra Palace Art Union, to be had of W. W. MORGAN, 67 Barbican, E.C.

A MONUMENTAL WORK.

NOW IN PREPARATION.

HISTORY OF EVERY LODGE UNDER THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

Will be Edited by a distinguished Grand Officer.

In a work of this magnitude, the kind co-operation of all Brethren who are in possession of facts not generally known, will be invaluable, and thankfully acknowledged.

SPENCER AND CO., 23a GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON, W.C.

THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE can be ordered of any Bookseller in Town or Country, but should any difficulty be experienced, it will be forwarded direct from the Office, on receipt of Post Office Order for the amount. Intending Subscribers should forward their full Addresses to prevent mistakes.

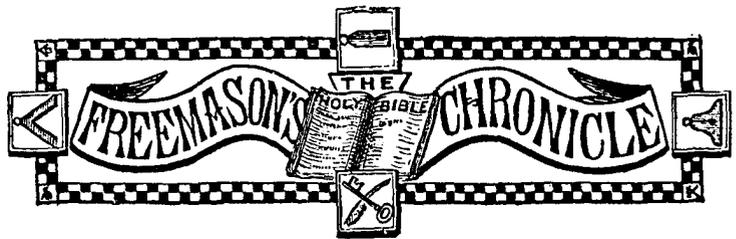
Post Office Orders to be made payable to W. W. MORGAN, at Barbican Office. Cheques crossed "London and County."

The Terms of Subscription (payable in advance) to THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE are—

Twelve Months, Post Free	£0 13 6
Six Months ditto	0 7 0
Three Months ditto	0 3 6

Agents, from whom Copies can always be had:—

- Messrs. CURTICE and Co., 12 Catherine Street, Strand.
 Mr. T. DRISCOLL, 87 Farringdon Street.
 Mr. G. W. JORDAN, 169 Strand.
 Messrs. MARSHALL and Sons, 125 Fleet Street, E.C.
 Mr. M. J. PARKINSON, 11, Goswell Road, E.C.
 Mr. H. SIMPSON, 7 Red Lion Court, E.C.
 Messrs. SMITH and Sons, 133 Strand.
 Messrs. SPENCER and Co., 23a Great Queen Street, W.C.
 Messrs. STEEL and Jones, 4 Spring Gardens, Charing Cross.
 Mr. G. VICKERS, Angel Court, 172 Strand.
 Mr. H. VICKERS, 317 Strand.



67 BARBICAN, E.C.

OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE week in Parliament has resulted in further progress with two Government measures. The Commons Bill has passed through Committee in the Lords, and the Elementary Education Bill has had the full amount of discussion so important a Bill is entitled to in the Commons. On Monday a short debate arose in the Upper House anent the Declaration of Paris; in the other, Lord Henry Lennox having offered a personal explanation of the reasons that had led him to retire from the Ministry, the Premier enlightened the House as to the alleged Turkish atrocities in Bulgaria. Such had been exercised not only by Turks towards Christians, but likewise by Christians towards Turks. The first offenders were a number of agitating scoundrels, who had burned out the unoffending inhabitants of Turkish villages in Bulgaria, but the retaliation of the latter had been excessively severe. On Wednesday an attempt to repeal the Contagious Diseases Act proved a failure. On Friday and Tuesday the House of Commons was counted out a few minutes after nine, the hour fixed for the resumption of the sitting.

On Tuesday their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales held a second garden party at Chiswick. The guests were numerous, and the Royal party included the King and Queen of the Hellenes, the Prince and Princess Christian, the Princess Louise, Marchioness, and the Marquis of Lorne, the Duke of Cambridge, and the Duke and Duchess of Teck. On Wednesday the Prince and Princess, with their Hellenic Majesties, paid a visit to the Crystal Palace, the directors of which, though the time allowed them was short, exerted themselves very successfully to provide an entertainment worthy of the occasion. The chief features of the programme were a grand concert and the performances in the Hippodrome. Over fifteen thousand visitors entered the Palace and grounds.

On Friday last an appalling accident occurred on board one of our monster ironclads, H.M.S. Thunderer, one of whose boilers burst in the afternoon of that day, and caused a fearful loss of life, besides seriously injuring a still greater number of persons. About a score of persons were killed outright, and nearly four times as many most terribly damaged. Of the latter a number have already succumbed to their wounds, and there are close upon forty deaths recorded, while the condition of ten or twelve more is said to be most precarious. The funeral of the victims was attended with every mark of respect which the Dockyard and Naval and Military authorities of Portsmouth were able to show. The Queen, on hearing of the catastrophe, at once telegraphed her deep sympathy with the sufferers, as did likewise the Prince and Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family. A subscription for the families of the sufferers has been opened, and among the contributors are the Queen and the Prince of Wales. The usual coroner's inquiry has been opened, and every endeavour will, no doubt, be made to ascertain the cause of the accident. Our new ships of war have happily had no chance of proving their strength at the expense of our enemies, but they are very formidable to ourselves. The Captain turned turtle in the Bay of Biscay, and cost us between four and five hundred valuable lives. The Vanguard lies at the bottom of the Irish Channel, whither she was sent in a few minutes by a sister ironclad. And now the boiler of a third ironclad has cost us already some forty more valuable lives. How it will fare with these monsters in the day of battle remains to be seen.

We gladly pass, however, to more agreeable topics. The Lord Mayor entertained the Archbishops and Bishops of the Established Church, at the Mansion House, on Wednesday. A very numerous array of reverend and other guests assembled round his Lordship's hospitable board on the occasion, and Archbishop Tait delivered a very

eloquent speech in reply to the toast of the Church. Among the other speakers were Mr. Pierrepont, the new American Minister in London, who, to judge from this speech of his, will prove an amusing as well as an effective speaker at our public banquets. Mr. Pierrepont has not been among us very long, but already his experience is considerable. He finds himself more frequently called upon to speak publicly in London than in New York, and he imagines the explanation of a countryman of his for stammering more in New York than in Baltimore, namely, a "larger place," will in a measure account for this. We fully reciprocate the Minister's hope, expressed at the close of his remarks, that England and the United States may go on hand-in-hand extending the blessings of civilisation among the nations.

The National Rifle Association has been enjoying a succession of warm days in their Camp at Wimbledon, which is certainly one of the hottest places in the neighbourhood of London. So far as the purpose for which the meeting is held, everything appears to have passed off most satisfactorily. To-day the proceedings close, but at the time of writing most of the important competitions have been determined. An Englishman, Serjeant Pullman, of the 2nd or South Middlesex Rifles, and a member of the firm of R. and T. Pullman, leatherdressers, of Holborn, is the fortunate winner of the Queen's Prize (£250), and the Gold Medal and Badge of the N.R.A. His score was 74 out of a possible total of 105 points, namely 23 at 800, 28 at 900, and 23 at a 1,000 yards, seven shots at each range. A 3rd Lanarkshire man came second with a score of 67, and then a 37th Middlesex, so that the Home County has brilliantly distinguished itself this year. In the match between the two Houses of Parliament the Commons proved victorious. In the match that resulted from the challenge of the Australians, four teams of five each competed, representing England, Scotland, Canada, and Australia. The weapon used was the Martini-Henry, and Scotland took the place of honour with a score of 402, England being next with 401, the Australians with 389, and then Canada with 364. Ireland was not represented, as Captain Leech found himself at the last moment unable to bring together the team he desired. For the Chancellor's Challenge Plate Oxford has beaten Cambridge by 552 to 534, but the latter is still ahead on the general result by nine victories to six achieved by Oxford.

Mr. Lowe is in his element in dealing with matters Educational. On Wednesday, he presided at the distribution of prizes in the Middle Class School, Cowper Street, Finsbury. The pupils number thirteen hundred, and prizes were awarded to about one hundred of them. Mr. Lowe's speech was admirable, and we trust the advice he so freely and so forcibly tendered will be justly appreciated by the boys. In these days of progress a youth must enter life well provided with useful knowledge or he stands a poor chance of success. Mr. Lowe himself furnishes one of the most brilliant proofs of the help that education affords. It is by talents early developed, by long, deep, and laborious study, that he has risen to his present high position, an ex-Cabinet Minister and Member for the University of London.

The second inquiry into what is known as the Balham mystery is likely to be a protracted one. Several days have already been consumed in the examination of some of the chief medical and other witnesses, and as yet there are no signs of the end being near at hand. Every care is being taken to sift the matter thoroughly, and any doubts that may have existed in the public mind respecting the cause and manner of Mr. Bravo's death will, we trust, be forever set at rest by this inquiry.

The struggle between Turkey and its vassals still continues. One day we read of Servian victories, the day following, that the Turks are offering a successful resistance to the attacks of the hostile armies. There has been, no doubt, a good deal of hard fighting, but nothing decisive has yet occurred. The general result, however, appears to be unfavourable to the smaller power. She has not made as yet any visible impression on the power of her adversary. All her available men, even to the very old and the very young, have been sent to the front to serve as food for the enemy's powder, and the greatest dissatisfaction is said to prevail in Belgrade, the Servian Capital. Meanwhile fresh Turkish troops are being sent to the scene of war, a part of the Egyptian Contingent has already arrived, and it is quite possible that in a short time we may hear of Servia being utterly defeated. As regards the Montenegrins, we hear less of

their doings. They are reported to have gained several successes; but Fame is a fickle jade, and it seems well nigh impossible amid the multitude of contradictory telegrams that reach this country to learn the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. The recent statements made by the Earl of Derby, in reply to certain influential deputations that waited upon his lordship, appear to have given general satisfaction not only here but in the leading foreign capitals. It will certainly not be the fault of the English Ministry if the struggle is not strictly localised. England will not constitute herself the champion of the Turks, but she will leave no effort untried to bring about a just solution of the present difficulty.

We have had the following sent us for publication, and we publish it with great pleasure. It is a vigorously written letter, and should have the desired effect of stifling once and for ever the ill feeling which still appears to rankle in the minds of some of our West Yorkshire brethren anent the management of the Boys' School. Surely it is enough that due inquiry has been made by a special committee, and that that inquiry has resulted in demonstrating the management to be worthy of all honourable support. We call upon West Yorkshire brethren, or rather upon those who have taken a more or less prominent part in the recent squabble, to observe the good old manly English custom of fair play. A committee has decided their report is based on erroneous views. All the agitation in the world will not overrule this decision. Indeed, the more urgent in opposition to *what is settled, and should be dead and buried*, are D.P.G.M. Tew and his friends, the more disgusted will the Craft be generally, the more convinced that all such opposition is not meant to be in the interest of the School, but simply factious. We abstain from offering any opinion ourselves, beyond what we have already offered. It is high time, however, West Yorkshire should acquiesce in what has been done, and done openly in the light of day, or uneasiness will be generated as to the genuineness of our Masonic principles:—

TO THE LIFE GOVERNORS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS IN THE PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

Audi Alteram Partem.

GREAT GRIMSBY, 14th July 1876.

Brethren,—I have been living in the vain hope that the strife and uncharitableness which a short time ago was stirred up in our Province would have subsided, but I am sorry to see a Notice on the Agenda for our next Prov. Grand Lodge, re-opening and renewing that ill-feeling.

It appears most strange to me that in that once happy and proud Province there is not one resident brother who will take up the subject and endeavour to bring about an end to this unpleasantness.

I received Prov. G.L. Summons on the 12th instant, and yesterday morning a brother voluntarily sent me a copy of a pamphlet, printed by Bro. Tew, and ready to be sent to any Lodge within the Province which considers it worth while to pass upon him a vote of thanks for the prominent part he has recently taken. The receipt of this has aroused in me a desire to say something on the subject, having, outside the Province, taken some little interest in the movements of West Yorkshire. If time permitted I could say much, and give you a considerable amount of information on the un-Masonic proceedings of our D.P.G.M. He complains of the short notice Bro. (Mr.) Binckes gave him of the Quarterly Court on the 10th April. I do not know that it was the duty of Bro. Binckes to give him this notice at all, but I may tell you that our D.P.G.M. knew of Bro. Woodford's notice on the 3rd April, when he was at Hull. The notice of the motion was only given to the Committee in London on the 1st, so that Bro. Tew had as much time to organise his forces as any man in England, and all was done that possibly could be done to arouse the Province by a strong appeal in Prov. G. Lodge at Wakefield on the 5th by the S.W. and J.W. What say you for the caudour of your D.P.G.M., in wishing it to be inferred that he did not know of Bro. Woodford's motion until four days before the meeting of the Court? It was advertised in the daily papers in the usual way. Bro. Tew knows (or ought to know) the four fixed days on which Quarterly Court is held. Shame on him then wishing to make it appear he knew nothing about it until four days before. In the same paragraph he talks about a packed meeting. How ridiculous to talk about a packed meeting in the heart of London at mid-day! That large meeting assembled to shew their indignation of the un-Masonic conduct of our D.P.G.M., some of which I will expose to you before our next P.G. Lodge in October. Talking about a packed meeting comes with the most wretched grace from him! He and two of his satellites "stumping" the country, got together a meeting at Hull on the 3rd April, and when told that I had been invited to attend, wrote by return of post to Hull objecting to my being present; why forsooth? "Because John Sutcliffe of Grimsby is opposed to our movement." What do you think of that from our D.P.G.M.? But I was there notwithstanding his attempt to have a packed meeting, and in my next will tell you how he and his satellites conducted themselves. I will tell you some things, which I think will arouse that old spirit of Freemasonry and fair play, which, I feel certain still exists in W. Y. Defer your decision on the proposal of the "ex parte" statement of Bro. Booth on the

12th, until you hear some further communication in answer to the report of our Investigation Committee.

At the close of the pamphlet before me he refers to the formation of the House Committee. Does Bro. Tew wish to get on that Committee? If so, he knows (or ought to know) how to proceed to get elected, and until he or some of his party have been refused admission, I say, it is most un-Masonic and ungentlemanly to attack the private character of that body. It has been said of many agitators that they rail against some supposed grievance, but never take any real action and have no desire to remove it. Is this the case with Bro. Tew? His grievance would be gone if he (or any of his friends) got on the Committee. See also his inconsistency—praising the Girls, censuring the Boys' House Committee, although several of the same brethren are on both.

In writing this I hope it may have some effect in arousing the dormant spirit of W. Y. I know there are many good men in the Province who disapprove altogether the late proceedings. How is it therefore, they quietly sit to be led by the D.P.G.M. and his clique? I have heard it said that one high in rank—none more beloved in all the Province—"blushes" for it, and I have before me a note from another brother who stands high also, who would grace the D.P.G.M.'s Chair, and would rule in Peace, Love and Harmony, and not in constant Strife, Envy and Hatred, and who writing to a Friend since the last Boys' School Festival, says:—"I am quite delighted at the very marked success of the Festival, and the damper, I may say, the severe rebuke, it has given to our D.P.G.M., who has done his best to set the Province by the ears: surely it will read him a lesson."

Surely—surely there are many, many more, holding the same good honest opinions. Why don't they speak out and do away with the strife and ill-feeling engendered in our once proud and happy Province.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN SUTCLIFFE.

Old Warrants.

Boston, 18th June 1876.

MY DEAR BRO. CONSTABLE,—The Masonic student is in every step baffled by puzzles. Thus, in 1768 Dermott sent two warrants to Halifax, respectively numbered 155 and 211, the same Lodges and numbers may be seen on Bro. Hughan's list of Lodges, 1814 ("Masonic Memorials of the Union"). The puzzle is, why were two Lodges of the same date numbered so far apart? The V.W. Bro. John Hervey, however, informed me that while the G.L. of England invariably ranked its Lodges according to seniority, the ancients followed no such a rule, and that Nos. of defunct Lodges were often transferred to new Lodges "for a consideration." For instance, suppose that No. 10 ceased to exist, the No. would then be sold to the highest bidder; and if No. 100, we will say, offered the highest price, it would have No. 10, and take precedence of No. 11, though in reality it may have been twenty years the junior of No. 11, and hence I suppose that the Halifax Lodge, No. 155, must have received, for a consideration, the No. of an extinct Lodge.

I send with this a copy of one of these warrants, as the former warrants of 1757 (including the Provincial Grand Master's warrant) were respectively numbered "in Halifax 1, 2 and 3, this one is No. 4 accordingly. On comparing No. 4 with the former, likewise with the warrant of the Tranquillity Lodge, given in your history of that Lodge, you will notice that those of 1757 were written either on parchment or paper, this one (i.e. No. 4) is printed on a square piece of parchment from regular book type. The words "Grand Master" and a couple of other sentences are printed in black letters, while the warrant of the Tranquillity Lodge was engraved on copper plates. Charter No. 4 is surrounded with a flowery border, in accordance with the printer's fashion of those days. The seal of this warrant differs also from that of 1757; this one is not oval, but round, it contains the same emblems, and in addition to the words "virtue and silence," "Grand Lodge, London," is engraved thereon.

Again, the 1757 warrant did not specify the time of Lodge meetings, but this one does, and Bro. Brennan believes that the Lodge kept up the same days till now. The seal of the former was on wax, but this seal is impressed on two strips of vellum, with a wafer between, standing clearly in relief (without wax). As I stated above, the form of the charter is printed, but blank places were left for filling up with the pen. The latter are in italics to distinguish them from the printed parts.

Another important difference in the phraseology must be noticed. The Charter of 1757 begins with, "We, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted (York) Masous," and the same phrase is repeated in the closing part thereof, but in this one, the word "York" is omitted, and, "according to the old Constitutions granted by his Royal Highness," etc., is newly introduced. The reason for this change in the phraseology is simply this:—when the Ancients first started, they claimed to have derived their authority from the Grand Lodge of York. At that time the York Grand Lodge was dormant, and the Ancients could claim anything with impunity; but as the Grand Lodge of York resumed activity in 1761, our Bro. Dermott found it necessary to claim his authority from some other source, hence the language was changed as above stated. And now for the warrant.

No. 11.

No. 4 in Halifax. } Thomas Mathew, Grand Master.
L. Dermott for the S.G.W., Wm. Dickey D.G.M., L. Dermott for the J.G.W.
No. 155 }
in England } To all whom it may concern.

We the GRAND LODGE of the most Ancient and Honourable FRATERNITY of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS (according to the old constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN at York, Anno Domini

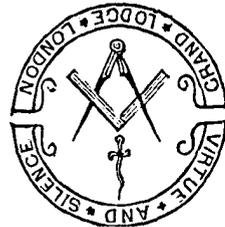
nine hundred twenty and six, and in the year of Freemasonry, four thousand nine hundred and twenty and six) in ample form assembled, viz. The Right Worshipful and Honourable Thomas Mathew of Thomas Town in the Kingdom of Ireland, Esquire, now residing in that part of Great Britain called England.

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS.

The Worshipful William Dickey, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER. The Worshipful Edmund Buttler, SENIOR GRAND WARDEN and the Worshipful Henry Allen Esqr., JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN (with the approbation and consent of the WARRANTED LODGES held within the Cities and Suburbs of LONDON and WESTMINSTER) Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well beloved Brethren, viz., Mr. John Cody, One of our MASTER MASONS, Mr. Thomas Mc Lenon, his SENIOR WARDEN, and Mr. John Woodin, his JUNIOR WARDEN, to Form and Hold a LODGE of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS afforsaid at the sign of the General Amherst in the town of Halifax, and Province of Nova Scotia, North America, upon the first Tuesday of every Kalendar month, and on all seasonable Times and Lawful Occasions. And in the said LODGE (when duly congregated) to admit and make FREE MASONS, according to the Ancient and Honourable Custom of the ROYAL CRAFT, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And We do hereby farther authorise and empower Our said Trusty and Well beloved Brethren, Messrs. John Cody, Thomas Mc Lenon, and John Woodin (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this WARRANT, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as FREE MASONS, &c. And such Successors shall in like Manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors &c. &c. &c. Such Installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S-Day during the Continuance of this LODGE for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful GRAND LODGE, otherwise this WARRANT to be of no Force, nor Virtue. Given under our Hands and SEAL of our GRAND LODGE in LONDON this Twenty sixth Day of March, in the Year of our LORD, One thousand Seven hundred and sixty and Eight, and in the year of MASONRY Five thousand Seven hundred Sixty and eight,

Lau Dermott, GRAND SECRETARY.

Note. This WARRANT is registered in the GRAND LODGE. Vol 6th Lette F.



I shall only here add, that I copied the seal from the Philadelphia Dedication Memorial, wherein there is a copy of a Provincial Warrant sent by Dermott to the Philadelphia brethren in 1764, and as the seal is identical with the one on the Halifax charter, I copied it, and hope it will be engraved.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

[What would be a puzzle for American Masonic students to unravel respecting the "Ancients" has long ceased to trouble us in England, as we have long known that the number of an "Ancient" Lodge is no evidence of its antiquity, and the selling of the dormant Warrants to the "highest bidder" by that Grand Lodge, is not anything new to us.

We have pleasure in inserting Bro. Norton's interesting communication, and shall be still more pleased to print a transcript of the "Albion" Lodge, Quebec (late No. 17), which Bro. Hughan has announced, in an American Paper, is in all probability of the year 1756, and not of 1721 as Bro. Tisdall erroneously claims. We take exception to Bro. Norton's *ipse dixit* that the Grand Lodge of all England held at York was dormant A.D. 1757. It may have been, but certainly no one is as yet entitled to say so as a fact. We cannot be too careful in our investigations, and therefore had better refrain from positive assertions in the absence of evidence.—EDITOR.]

The Rev. Dr. I. Strauss, Jewish minister of Bradford, has been appointed Chaplain of the Lodge of Harmony (600), of Bradford. The greater number of the members of the Lodge (including the Master) are Christians, and the appointment is therefore all the more gratifying. We can only regret that there are still a few countries where the ruling principles of Freemasonry are disregarded by Masous, and Jews excluded by reason only of their faith. We question whether the time has not arrived for English Jewish Masous (an enormous number) to take a more spirited action in this matter. The act of the late Mr. Fandell in the Grand Lodge of England about a quarter of a century ago in raising an objection to the admission of the Crown Prince of Prussia (the present emperor) on the ground of the exclusion of Jews from German Lodges is still remembered, and its significance should not be lost upon young and active Jewish Masous of the present day.—*Jewish Chronicle*.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—These twin remedies exercise in a manner peculiar to themselves such an effect on the liver and excretory organs of the body, that the presence of inspissated bile, or any foreign, effete, or morbid material in the stomach and bowels, is rendered almost impossible. It is scarcely possible to over-estimate the benefit conferred on mankind by such results, for if used in the commencement of bilious disorders and intestinal irritations, the removal of the exciting cause would reduce to a minimum, if it did not altogether avert, the supervention of typhoid and enteric fevers, which are in the present day so rife amongst all classes of the community, especially during the hot and sultry summer months.

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.

SATURDAY, 22nd JULY.

Audit Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall.
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 24th JULY.

68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.

TUESDAY, 25th JULY.

Audit Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
863—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
R. A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.

WEDNESDAY, 26th JULY.

193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (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.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1039—St. John's, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
R. A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion, Littleboro'.

THURSDAY, 27th JULY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, 152 Fulham-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Romford.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
968—St. Edward's, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
R. A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Osborn-street, Hull.
R. A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.

FRIDAY, 28th JULY.

993—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1279—Burdett Count's, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.

SATURDAY, 29th JULY.

R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

R. A. 308—Affability, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

WEDNESDAY.

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

THURSDAY.

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

FRIDAY.

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

SATURDAY.

1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

MONDAY.

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

TUESDAY.

R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street, Sunderland.

WEDNESDAY.

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

THURSDAY.

1118—Fraternity, Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-road, Stockton-on-Tees.
R. A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.

FRIDAY.

Royal Kent Rose Croix, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—349—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, Cockburn-street.
R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—112—St. John Fisherrow, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.
THURSDAY—392—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.
FRIDAY—223—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

This being Tourist Season, for the benefit of our travelling brethren, we now give all the Masonic Gatherings in the West. All the meetings are at 8 p.m., unless otherwise expressed.

MONDAY—384—Athol, Washington Hotel, Kirkintilloch.
TUESDAY—556—Clydesdale, 106 Rose-street, Glasgow.
R. A. 69—Cathedral, 24 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
WEDNESDAY—505—Burn's St. Mary, Commercial Inn, Harlsford.
THURSDAY—Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow at 8 p.m. at St. Mark's Hall, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 290—Blair Dalry, White Hart Hall, Dalry, at 7.0 p.m.
" 334—St. John, New Cumnock, Cattle Inn, Cumnock.
R. A. 117—Govan, Portland Hall, Govan.
FRIDAY—125—St. James's, Mason's Arms, Newtown, Ayr.
" 163—Royal Arch, School Room, Pollockshaw, Glasgow.
" 399—Royal Blue, Commercial Hotel, Kilbernie.
R. A. 79—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
SATURDAY—23—St. John's, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch.
" 143—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown, at 7 p.m.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday evening last, 20th July, at 7.30. Present—Bros. Webb W.M., Grammer S.W., Maidwell J.W., Crawley S.D., Rudderforth J.D., Lamb I.G., Austin P.M. Preceptor, and several other brethren. The ceremony of the 3rd degree was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Hogarth acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the three sections of the third lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Grammer was elected W.M. for next Thursday, and the Lodge was closed in ancient form.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C. on Wednesday, the 19th instant. Bro. Rudderforth occupied the chair. The chief business of the evening, after preliminaries, was the rehearsal of the third ceremony. The candidate was represented by Bro. Fenner. The duties were excellently well performed by the W.M., who was ably assisted by Bros. Crucher S.W., Turquand J.W., Bagg S.D., D. Posener J.D., Tollis I.G., and Christopher Tyler. Notwithstanding the closeness of temperature, the Lodge was tolerably well attended. Bro. E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor was in his place, and gave his accustomed assistance to the proceedings. The lecture was worked by Bro. Gottheil, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lowenthal of 185 was elected a joining member. Bro. F. Croaker will preside next Wednesday.

Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, Uxbridge.—This rapidly increasing and flourishing Lodge met on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Bros. J. W. Davis W.M., B. H. Swallow P.M. as S.W., W. Smith, C.E., being unavoidably absent, S. Holliday J.W., Coulton P.M. Treasurer, W. Coombes, P.M. P.P.G.S. Middlesex, Secretary, Webb S.D., Cook J.D., Lonsdale I.G., Russe D.C., Allen and Copley Stewards, Longstaff Tyler, and P.M.'s Adams, Fehrenbach, Weedon, Woodward, &c., with a numerous attendance of the brethren. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bros. Cecil, Cooper and Marriott were raised. Bros. Brown, Denenbourg, Hanson, and, by courtesy of the W.M., Bros. E. Humphrey and H. F. Swears, of Lodge La Tolerance, No. 538. Ballots were unanimously in favour of Messrs. W. H. Matthews, H. W. Nicolson, R. Henderson and H. J. Price; they were "By Fiat" duly initiated into the Order by the W.M., of whom the Lodge may be justly proud, considering the careful manner in which he performs the various ceremonies. The seeds of charity sown in the hearts of the members of this Lodge will reap their reward. Five guineas was voted to the widow of a deceased brother, five guineas to the children of a distressed brother, and ten guineas to be placed on the list of the W.M., who is a Steward for the next Anniversary of the Boys' School. Bro. G. Hine, Oak Lodge, No. 180, was elected a joining member. Bro. Coombes P.M. brought before the Lodge, for its recommendation, a petition for a new Lodge to be held at West Drayton, near Uxbridge, which was duly signed by the W.M., officers and brethren. The Lodge was then closed, and about sixty brethren adjourned to the Grapes Hotel, where Bro. Drinkwater provided a capital banquet. The W.M., in proposing the usual Loyal, Masonic and complimentary toasts, fully justified the encomiums passed on him by the brethren. A very agreeable and harmonious evening was passed, Bros. Coombes, Start, Brown and Matthews giving some excellent harmony. Bros. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., Humphrey 538, Syer 1017, Barnsfield W.M. La Tolerance, West P.M. 538, Pike 1563, Wear 538, Youngsland 538, Cattermole 217, W. M. Salisbury, Stammerworth, &c. were present as visitors.

Frederick of Unity, No. 452, Surrey.—This Lodge held its regular meeting at the Greyhound, Croydon, on Tuesday, the 18th inst. Present—Bro. J. W. Sugg W.M., supported by his officers, Bros. Wright S.W., Jefferies J.W., Masterman I.P.M., G. Robins P.M. Treasurer, Magnus Ohren P.M. Secretary, Sugg P.M., Edmonds S.D., Pawlay J.D., Sugg I.G., Spaight Tyler, and a number of members. Visitors—Bros. Turquand and Cowland, G. Stewards, Macanlay, and Abbott. The Lodge was opened. The business transacted included the passing to the second degree of Bros. George F. Cousins, John Methven and John F. W. Rogers. Bro. Trinnely was balloted for and elected a re-joining member. Mr. D. W. Sugg having then been balloted for and elected, was duly initiated. The ceremonies were very impressively rendered by the W.M., and two candidates having been proposed and seconded, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony. Dinner was then served. Some amusing doubts had been

expressed as to whether the room would accommodate the number of guests, and whether the pabulum provided would be ample enough. Bro. Ohren as Secretary, with his usual forethought, had invited members to inform him, by post card, of their intention to dine, but only one had done so, and he, as it happened, came not. These doubts, however, were quickly dispelled. The room was found large enough, and the provision more than sufficient, as well as of the usual excellent character. On the removal of the cloth, and when the loving cup had been passed round, the usual toasts followed in their regular sequence. Bro. Sugg is an excellent chairman and speaker. In prefacing the various toasts, his remarks were felicitous as well as pertinent. Bro. Cowland responded for the Pro Grand Master and other Grand Officers past and present, Bro. George Robins for the P.G. Master and Officers of Surrey, Bro. Turquand for the Visitors, and Bro. Initiate, with native modesty, for himself. Bros. Ohren, Jefferies, Geo. Robins jun., and others, sang several songs in the course of the evening; and when the guests rose to depart, none, we fancy, felt any evil effects from the general omission to send post cards to the Secretary.

Yarborough Chapter, No. 554.—A Convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday, 13th inst., at the Green Dragon Hotel, Stepney. Comps. Finch M.E.Z., George Ward Verry P.Z. as H., W. G. Clark J., J. H. Wynne P.Z. Treasurer, Rev. D. Shaboe P.Z. S.E., J. J. Berry S.N., Toye P.S., B. Carter 1st Assist., C. A. Crouch 2nd Assist., Gross D.C.; P.Z.'s R. Taylor, S. Vasey; Speight Janitor. The Chapter was opened, and minutes were confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. Westoby Lowles, Finsbury Lodge, No. 861, which being in his favour, he was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry with a degree of solemnity and such perfect working as was a pleasure to listen to. The Chapter possesses a very elegant throne, decorated with four Corinthian columns. The M.E.Z. announced to the Companions that a sum had been voted by the Chapter, and augmented by the Companions, for the purpose of presenting Comp. G. Ward Verry P.Z. with a jewel, he being the first P.Z. who had been presented with one, and he remarked that it could not have been more worthily bestowed, Comp. Verry having occupied every office in the Chapter, and he carried out his duties in every respect to their satisfaction. The jewel is of solid gold, and is ornamented with the arms of the Earl of Yarborough, and bears the following inscription: "Presented by the Yarborough Chapter, No. 554, to Comp. G. Ward Verry P.Z., as a token of regard, and in appreciation of his service as M.E.Z. of the above Chapter. 10th Feb. 1876." Companion Verry, in a few but appropriate remarks, thanked them for their valuable gift, and said if the Companions required any services of him he would only be too pleased to assist them. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to a very excellent cold collation, provided by the worthy host, Comp. T. Walters. The M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. G. Ward Verry I.P.M. proposed the health of the M.E.Z., and complimented him on the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony, also on the way he had conducted the duties of the chair. The M.E.Z. responded. He thanked them for the hearty way the toast had been received. He had been a Mason twenty years, and had passed every office. He hoped he had given them satisfaction. Comp. Wynne P.Z. proposed the toast of the H. and J. Comp. G. Clarke responded. The M.E.Z. in proposing the toast of the P.Z.'s, stated they were always ready and willing to render valuable assistance. He was pleased to see old and venerable Past Principals among them, and he hoped they would be spared for many years. As in Lodges, so in Chapters, it was always pleasant to see familiar faces, as a reminiscence of the past, and a hope in the future for them to continue among them. Comps. Wynne and Taylor returned thanks for the toast. The M.E.Z. gave the toast of the newly exalted Companion, who was the J.W. of the Finsbury Lodge, was greatly respected, and would be a credit to the Chapter. Comp. Lowles very appropriately responded. Companions Davis 1260 and H. M. Levy P.Z. 188 returned thanks for the visitors. The toast of the Officers was given, and Comp. D. Shaboe P.Z. and S.E., in a very eloquent speech, returned thanks. He was followed by Comps. Crouch and Berry. The Janitor's toast was given. Some very capital harmony emanated from Comps. Shaboe, Davies, Vasey and the M.E.Z.

Beadon Chapter, No. 619.—A Convocation of this Chapter was held on the 13th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington. Comps. W. H. Green M.E.Z., W. Scaman H., E. Coste J., J. W. Angus S.E., and Comps. D. H. Jacobs, Carrington, Wrangham, &c. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of the former Convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. Francis Sharratt, of the Beadon Lodge, No. 619. This was in his favour, and he was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry, the working being admirably rendered by the Principals. The Chapter was then closed, and slight refreshment followed. The M.E.Z. gave the usual Loyal toasts, also those of the Principals and Officers, and the newly exalted Companion. In proposing the health of Comp. W. Smeed P.Z., he said he hoped the day was far distant when that Companion would be absent from the Beadon Chapter, his thorough knowledge of the duties in every capacity was fully appreciated. A very enjoyable and harmonious evening was passed, Comps. D. H. Jacobs, Sharratt and Coste contributing to the harmony.

Sydney Lodge, No. 829.—The Installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 11th July, at the Black Horse, Sidcup, Kent, when Bro. T. Smith P.M., P.P.G.P. installed Bro. Hastings W.M., whose first duty was to present his I.P.M., Bro. G. B. Gates, with a handsome gold jewel, which was feelingly acknowledged by the retiring officer. At the banquet the I.P.M. presented a silver goblet, emblazoned with Masonic emblems, and the names of the

subscribers engraved thereon, to their esteemed late Treasurer, Bro. G. M. E. Snow P.M. P.P.G.S.W., on his retirement from office, which was duly filled and received by him in appropriate terms. The officers appointed for the ensuing year are:—Lewis Hetheridge S.W., J. Gore J.W., W. T. Birts Treasurer, J. Henderson Secretary, Dr. Spurrell S.D., W. Moulder J.D., J. Pudney I.G., J. T. Ward D.C., T. Smith W.S., and S. Potts Tyler.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The weekly meeting of the above was held on Tuesday, 18th July, at the Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Bro. Worsley W.M., Cambridge S.W., Barker J.W., Smith S.D., Perrin J.D., Brown I.G.; P.M. Bro. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Robson, Horsley, Crane, &c. The Lodge was opened in the 1st and 2nd degrees, and Bro. Johnson, having answered the usual questions, was raised to the 3rd degree. Bro. Wallington gave the traditional history, and Bro. Horsley worked the 1st and 3rd sections of the lecture. The Lodge was closed in the three degrees. Bro. Cambridge was elected W.M. for the following Tuesday.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—On Wednesday last the ceremonies of consecration and installation were rehearsed 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; he was supported by the following brethren, who met, on this occasion, at seven o'clock:—Bros. Davies S.W., Wright J.W., H. B. Dunn Sec., J. Pigot Treas., Chant S.D., Rothschild J.D., P. Dickinson D.C., T. Goode I.G., Burr Organist, and a large attendance of members, with several visitors. The proceedings were admirably conducted by Bro. Terry, and afforded great gratification to all, many of whom had never been present at a consecration. The ceremony of installation was also carried out most satisfactorily, Bro. Pigot acting as the candidate for the chair, and investing his officers in a most efficient way. At the conclusion, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Terry, and he was elected an honorary member of the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Terry acknowledged the compliment which had been paid him. Bros. C. H. Webb, E. G. Legge, C. Hawksley, W. D. Dickeson, C. Mitchell, H. Beck, Robinson, W. W. Morgan, Powell and Lane were elected members. This Lodge of Instruction meets at the Finsbury Park Tavern, which is close to the station on the Great Northern and North London Railways. To those of our brethren who prefer the fresh air to the heated atmosphere of some of our Lodges, and who desire to keep up their Masonic studies, we recommend a stroll round Finsbury Park, and an hour spent in instruction, under the able preceptorship of Bro. Dickinson. They will doubtless agree with us that their time could not be spent more satisfactorily. The brethren meet each Wednesday at 8.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326.—The installation meeting of the above was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Red Lion, Hampton. In spite of the almost tropical heat, a goodly number of the brethren assembled, Bro. H. A. Du Bois, P.P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, occupied the chair; E. Gilbert S.W., Fox J.W., S. Wickens P.M. Treasurer, F. Walters P.P.G.P. P.M. Secretary, J. Baldwin I.G., J. B. Shackleton Organist, and Past Masters J. T. Moss P.P.G.R. Middlesex, J. C. Woodrow, W. Hammond P.G.J.D. Middlesex, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. B. Sharp P.M. 168, P.M. 84, and P.Z. 84, was unanimously elected a joining member. The report of the audit meeting was read and adopted. It showed the Lodge funds were in a flourishing condition, as was also the Benevolent Fund. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. E. Gilbert S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and duly installed into the chair. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. received the customary salutations and then invested his officers: H. A. Du Bois P.P.G.A.D.C. I.P.M., E. W. Fox S.W., R. W. Williams J.W., S. Wickens P.M. Treasurer, F. Walters P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. Secretary, J. Woodrow P.M. Assist. Secretary, J. Hammond S.D., J. B. Shackleton J.D., J. Baldwin P.M. I.G., Shott D.C., H. Potter P.M. W. S., Mitchell Organist, Meyer and G. W. Stone Stewards, and Gilbert, P.G.T. Middlesex, Tyler. A ballot was taken for Mr. David Smith, and was unanimous. The newly installed W.M. initiated that gentleman into the Order in a manner highly creditable. Bro. H. A. Du Bois I.P.M. then proposed, that the best thanks of the Lodge be accorded, and entered on the minutes, to Bro. F. Walters P.M., for the able manner he had performed the ceremony of installation. Two propositions for initiation were handed in. Bro. F. Walters P.M. informed the brethren that he had been appointed by the R.W. Col. Burdett P.G.M. to the office of Junior Grand Deacon of Middlesex, on the recommendation of the Acacia Lodge, No. 1309. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the garden, where a marquee had been erected. A very excellent banquet was provided by the worthy host. The W.M. gave the usual Loyal toasts. He proposed the health of the R.W. Colonel Burdett, Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. F. Walters, who in replying said he hoped the appointment of officers for the ensuing year would give equal satisfaction as in former years. Bro. H. A. Du Bois I.P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M., he was pleased to see him occupying the chair. They had witnessed what he had done since his installation; how excellently he had rendered the ceremony of initiation, and how ably he presided over them, every office he had held he was perfect in, and he wished him a successful year of office. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the cordial manner they had drunk his health, he did not wish to make long speeches, but whatever he did utter was from his heart, and said with all sincerity. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Past Masters, spoke of their various qualifications, and in mentioning the worthy brother who was now the I.P.M., one whose name in connection with Freemasonry is a

household word, one who had devoted all his energies for the good of Freemasonry, and who while in the occupation of the chair had discharged his duties faithfully, he had much pleasure, in the name of the Lodge, to present him with a jewel, which he hoped he might live long to wear. The jewel, a gold locket, with a Past Master's emblem in front and monogram on the reverse; inside is a silver plate, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented by the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, to Bro. H. A. Dubois P.M. 1423, P.G.D.C. Middlesex, as a slight recognition of the efficient manner in which he officiated as W.M. for year 1875-1876, and to perpetuate a successful year of office. Bro. Dubois returned thanks for the elegant and valuable testimonial presented to him. He said it would be worn by him with pride and pleasure, as a souvenir of their kindness; he hoped to be among them for many years in the capacity of P.M. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Officers, who were all capable of performing their duties. Bro. Fox S.W. responded, he hoped the Officers appointed that day might in due course occupy the chair. Bro. H. Potter P.M. W.S. also replied. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the visitors, he strongly advocated the interchange of visits to Lodges, it produces a good feeling in Freemasonry. He had been originally a visitor to the Lodge; he became a joining member, and was proud to say he was now the Master of the Lodge. It was gratifying to see the visitors present; he would couple with it the name of Bro. Dr. Baxter Langley W.M. 1423, who responded. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. replied for the toast of the Press. He assured the brethren that all reports in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE should be faithfully given, and nothing would appear therein that was not in strict accordance with the tenets of the Order. The Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren, who had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, separated. The visitors were Bros. Dr. Baxter Langley W.M. 1423, G. Regan 55, J. McGill, E. Hopwood P.M. 141, S. Hill P.M. (Bedford Lodge), Ockenden 1512, Rawley 37, H. M. Levy P.M. 188; &c.

Highgate Lodge, No. 1366.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 10th inst., at the Gate House Hotel, Highgate. Bros. J. E. Cussans W.M., Hill S.W., W. Smeed P.M. 946 as J.W., &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. Ford was raised to the 3rd degree by the W.M. Bro. Chatto, by the courtesy of the W.M., was passed by Bro. G. Garratt P.M., and Messrs. John Leber and Richard Wetherell Hammond were duly initiated into the Order. The various ceremonies were impressively and perfectly delivered. The election for W.M., Treasurer and Tyler for the ensuing year resulted in Bros. Hill S.W. being unanimously elected W.M., Jas. Terry P.M. Treasurer, and Gilbert Tyler. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet. The usual *Loyal* and *Masonic* toasts were given. The Visitors were Bros. W. Smeed P.M. 946, Vine and Limebeer.

Era Lodge, No. 1423.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 19th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court. Dr. J. Baxter Langley W.M., H. A. Dubois Treasurer, F. Walters Secretary, B. Wright Ass. Sec., E. W. Devereux S.S., H. Faija as J.D., A. F. Loos I.G.; P.M. Bros. W. Hammond; Dr. Gillespie, Beckwith, &c. The Lodge was opened, and after ballot being taken, Messrs. W. Swindlehurst and Frederick Frampton Beard were initiated by the W.M. The announcement that Bro. H. A. Dubois had been nominated Prov. G.S.D., and F. Walters Prov. G.J.D., was enthusiastically received, and these brethren were warmly congratulated. The Lodge was then closed. The Visitors were Bros. E. Gilbert, B. Sharp, Skipwood, J. B. Shackleton, T. Butt, &c. A very excellent cold collation followed labour.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—This Lodge met at the Westbourne, Craven-road, Bayswater, on Monday, 17th July. Present—Bros. Read W.M., Savage S.W., Sones J.W., Gellion S.D., Davis J.D., Death I.G., Stiles Secretary, and several other well known members. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The seven sections of the first lecture were admirably worked by the following distinguished brethren:—

1st Section	-	-	-	Bro. Powell.
2nd "	-	-	-	" Gellion.
3rd "	-	-	-	" Davis.
4th "	-	-	-	" West.
5th "	-	-	-	" Savage.
6th "	-	-	-	" Rudderforth.
7th "	-	-	-	" Cole.

After which the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer.

Felix Lodge, No. 1494.—The regular monthly meeting of the above Lodge took place on Saturday, 15th inst., at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington. Present—Bros. F. B. Archer W.M. in the chair, F. Sumner Knyvett, Grand Steward, I.P.M., Edward B. Grabham, P.M. Provincial Grand Steward Middlesex, Secretary, Robert Berridge, P.M. Grand Steward, S.W., W. G. Moore P.M. J.W., T. S. Archer S.D., E. A. Woolley J.D., Belward I.G. pro tem. Visitors—Bros. R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, Lieut. Col. Francis Burdett P.S.G.W., the Hon. W. Warren Vernon Grand Junior Warden, H. Thorn P.M. 165, and others. The work before the Lodge was the balloting for Mr. H. E. Taylor, who was afterwards initiated into the Order, the passing of Bros. Sealy, Weston and Cooper, and raising of Bros. Hanson and Williams; the whole of the work being done in a very perfect and impressive manner. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, presided over by the W.M. On the removal of the cloth, the usual *loyal* toasts were given and responded to. Bro. the Hon. W. Warren Vernon, Grand Junior Warden, replied to the toast of the Grand Officers, and in the course of his remarks congratulated the Lodge upon having a brother to preside over them who was in every way

worthy of their highest esteem, a brother whom he had known and respected for some years, and who had entered on his year of office with such brilliant prospects of success. The health of the Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex was then given, and responded to by the brethren in a very hearty manner. Bro. Col. Burdett, in replying to the toast, spoke of the excellent working he had witnessed, and gave the brethren some exceedingly practical suggestions as to the future comfort and wellbeing of the Lodge. Bro. Grabham, Provincial Grand Steward Middlesex, responded to the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers, and took the opportunity of acknowledging the favourable recognition which the labours of Bro. Knyvett I.P.M., and himself had received at the hands of the Provincial Grand Master. The health of the W.M. was then proposed by Bro. Knyvett, in eulogistic terms, and was received by the brethren with much enthusiasm. Bro. Archer in responding expressed the pleasure it afforded him to preside over a Lodge which had already taken so high a position in the Province. During his year of office he would do all in his power to make the Felix Lodge worthy of the position to which it had attained, and looked for the support of the brethren; he willingly gave them his best services. The health of the initiate, Bro. Taylor, was then given and responded to. The W.M. proposed the health of the Past Masters, to which Bro. Knyvett replied. Bro. Berridge P.M., Grand Steward, S.W., responded for the officers, who were complimented by the W.M. for their thoroughly good working. The Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close, and after the enjoyment of a pleasant evening, rendered more so by the excellent singing of Bros. Sealy and Hunter, the brethren returned to town.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross, on Tuesday, 18th July. Present—Bros. H. Stiles W.M., W. M. Stiles S.W., Fenner J.W., Side S.D., Scales J.D., Leye I.G., Adams P.G.P. Preceptor; and Bros. Read, Carter, Cox, Williams, Ormiston, Little, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation rehearsed. 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of first lecture were worked by Bro. Adams, Preceptor. Bro. W. M. Stiles elected W.M. for ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was given to the W.M., Bro. Henry Stiles, for his able and efficient conduct in the chair for the first time, the same to be recorded on the minutes.

Cranbourne Lodge, No. 1580.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield. Upon the Lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Webb was raised to the sublime degree, the W.M. performing the solemn ceremony with his wonted impressiveness. We have seldom, indeed, seen it better performed. Bro. Thody, who was also to have had this degree conferred upon him, was unfortunately absent, having fallen from his horse and sustained some injury. The W.M., too, we regret, was in great pain during the whole of the meeting, as he had also sustained some injury to his leg. But in spite of this he fulfilled his arduous duty, as we have said, most admirably. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner, the W.M. presiding. The usual toasts were given from the chair, and we cannot too highly commend the brevity and excellence of the Chairman's prefatory remarks in each case. The result was one of the most enjoyable evenings we remember, in the course of a pretty long experience, to have spent. All was perfect harmony throughout, and the meeting was more like that of a family than any we have yet attended. We trust the Cranbourne has a long and prosperous future before it, and if later occupants of the chair will only follow the splendid example of Bro. Bowyer, the success of the Lodge will be secured beyond all possibility of question. The Visitors were Bros. A. C. Fetch Prov. G.R. Herts, E. T. Edwards, J. Constable, Joseph Stock, W. G. Jennings, and others.

The tenacity of prejudice has lately once more been evidenced by the successful opposition offered in one of the most influential Prussian Lodges to the admission of Jews. While at Bradford a Lodge chiefly composed of members professing Christianity, elected a Jew as their chaplain, another Lodge at Berlin—the Three Globes—declare that a Jew is ineligible, were it even for the office of Tyler. The principal ground on which the existence of Freemasonry can be vindicated is its religious neutrality. Remove this and there is no reason why any individual should join the Craft. A thousand channels of charity are open to him apart from those pointed out by Masonry, and the aids to leading a useful moral life are as plentiful outside the Masonic temple as within it. It is principally to join those in brotherly love whom the difference in race and creed has a tendency to separate that Masonry has been founded. This is its chief merit. It is by girdling the globe with a tie of fraternity that it has won the attachment of so many that love progress and goodness and the respect of so many more. Sever this tie and you have cut through its vital nerve. Exclude at Berlin Jews, and there is no reason why you should not keep out Christians at Constantinople, and Christians and Moslems at Pekin. Yet this is what the Berlin Lodge has done. It is poisoning the stream at its fountain head. The unity of the Craft is destroyed. How is it that English Masons look on with indifference at this heresy? How is it that no Lodge is public-spirited enough to protest against this apostacy, to rouse the other Lodges here, in America and on the Continent, to remonstrate against the suicidal conduct of the German Lodge, and to cut off all fellowship with it, should it after due warning still persevere in its evil way? Were such an attempt made, even German Lodges would join in the condemnation; for they must much more sensibly feel the disgrace brought upon the Craft through one in their midst than those of other countries. The time for such a movement has come. Never has liberalism felt so much the necessity of close union, irrespective of race and creed, than now, when ultramontanism levels at it its most deadly shafts.—*Jewish Chronicle*.

ACROSTIC LINES.

BY GEORGE W. WHEELER.

Sir Knights of the Cyrene Commandery,
In Faith and Hope I greet you now once more,
Returning my best thanks for making me
Knight of your honoured body, *Thirty-four*.
No Masonic title that now I bear
Is more highly, dearly prized by me;
Granted on Sir A. M. Rambo's prayer,
Honorary certificate you sent to me.
To-night I feel again impelled to write,
And wish each and every one God speed;
My spirit gladly joins with yours to-night,
Returning thanks to Him who helps in time of need.
Atlantic waves, in vain you dash and roll—
Mites of ocean and land may lay between,
But soul can hold communion still with soul,
O'er sea and land, whate'er may intervene,
Commend me now to all Knights Templar true!
Your Centennial festival who grace—
Right glad my heart could I have been with you,
Encamped e'en in the most desert place.
Noble the object you now celebrate—
Enlightened reason must of it approve.
Centenary of a nation young but great,
One that the truly wise and good may love!
My thoughts and sympathies are with the free,
My prayers for your prosperity arise.
America, the Nations look to thee—
Nor need they look with their averted eyes.
Dear are thy hero's names in every land—
England respects and honours all your brave,
Recounts the honours of that glorious band,
Yearning their country's liberties to save.
For them we weave a crown of laurels still,
Regard them as earth's noblest, bravest sons,
Of their bright deeds we feel no jealous thrill,
Making them stand by our own undying ones.
Gladly, as Templars, we endorse these views,
Embrace this opportunity to put them forth,
Only our feeble and imperfect Muse
Regrets its inability to show their worth;
Gladly as Templars your Fraternal band
Extends the hand of friendship to a brother,
Welcome him to every tent within the land.
With no less zest England extends to you another.
Henceforth all fears and jealousies forget,
Each anxious to fulfil a brother's part,
Each willing to improve the other's lot,
Loving each other with a faithful heart,
Even as I now tender love to each of you,
Regretting much that I must say adieu.

Glasgow, Scotland, May 1876.

From the *Weekly Courant*, of Columbia, Pennsylvania.

MASONIC EDUCATION.

THAT Masonry educates and makes its members men among men no one will doubt who is acquainted with its power. Indeed, it is difficult for any class of minds to pass through its portals without drinking in more or less of its mystic waters. In its very vestibule men are made to reflect. Their minds are brought in contact with the laws of preparation—the emblems of reception—the forms of recognition—the obligations of responsibility, and the lectures of general Masonic intelligence, through all of which few can pass without receiving those impressions of mental and moral, social and relative obligations which have given ubiquity to the *Mystic Order* and made it the greatest—because it is the strongest fraternal institution on the face of the globe.

The world should not understand that this fraternal feeling is sectarian or narrow or selfish—for if it were any of these it would be at once unmasonic—for true Masonry is not only intelligently honourable, but it is, both in its spirit and power, wholly cosmopolitan in all its workings and charity.

Hence a selfish Mason, and there are such, is a living paradox in the mystic Brotherhood whose personal presence adds nothing to the high integrity of the meeting of the Craft, as his mystic relationship makes nothing for the honour of the institution.

As a college of manly intelligence and substantial virtue, the Masonic student, when he is a proper candidate, and is intelligently initiated into its mysteries, receives at each step of his advancement that knowledge of principle which he knows will help, aid and assist him in the building up of his manhood; and it is only where their principles are neglected or forgotten that individual failures become visible. It is true, that some men will never make themselves true or intelligent Masons, no matter how many degrees they are dragged through. They from the beginning "go it blind," and they fail to comprehend the elevating and advancing character of the institution—consequently they never grow into a living Masonic temple.

We meet some of these men in our canvassing travels. They take no Masonic paper, read no Masonic literature, and in the general way

it may be frankly said, that the light that is in them is only darkness. Some of them have money to spend for unmasonic beverages, while others patronise every sort of a paper save a Masonic.

That such men fall behind in the spirit and intelligence and enterprise of Masonic life is not strange—for they have none of the life of the *Mystic Tie* within them. Their Masonic education is but primary, and yet, full of content, as they are of ignorance, they only have a name to live while they are dead.

To let these brethren alone, "to die in their nests," would be a wrong committed on the Fraternity itself, and therefore we write thus plainly, hoping that in some way we may stir them from their lethargy and bring them within the range of some Masonic light. Our Masonic light. Our Masonic journals, to a large extent, are the living educators of the age—their liberal patronage, in the present numerical increase of the Craft, has grown to be imperious, if we would not fall by the voluntary ignorance of our membership.

To such of our Brethren who have reflected upon this subject, it is not necessary for us to say a word. They see the danger, and frequently speak of it with deep concern, and the remark is frequently made that we have too many Lodges, and are making too many Masons, such as they are. Whether these allegations are true or not, they are often made, and we may well inquire into their validity in time, lest the near future should give us trouble, such as but few have ever dreamed of as being possible.

The facilities of the age, in connection with the "art preservation of all arts," are enabling some men to officiate and to administer obligations in a manner that even Grand Lodges may well look after, if they desire to hold and preserve, immaculate, the ancient prestige of the *Mystic Order*.

For more than one hundred and fifty years the work of the Craft has been carried on, in the order and forms of its venerable antiquity, in this country, until it has grown stronger and more numerous in these United States than it is in any other portion of the globe.

Of all this, as Masons, we may well feel proud. And yet our great prosperity places us under increased obligations of duty and carefulness. Many of our initiates are young men—many of them young men of culture, and, we trust, of well timed ambition. They have come in among us to learn what Masonry is, and to develop in themselves its time honoured principles. They look around them to see what may be seen, and of course stand ready to receive instruction from almost any one of the Fraternity who may offer it. They should have wise instructors and safe advisers. Good examples should be set before them in the peace and harmony of our Lodges, and proper books and periodicals should be placed in their hands, in some way, if we wish to see their true and proper development.—*Masonic Advocate*.

THE THEATRES, &c.

HER MAJESTY'S OPERA, DRURY LANE.—This evening, at 8.0, FIDELIO. On Monday, at 8.30, IL DON GIOVANNI.

ADELPHI.—At 7.30, COLLEEN BAWN and STRUCK OIL.

HAYMARKET.—At 7.30, TURNING THE TABLES, and WILD OATS. On Monday, LONDON ASSURANCE.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7.30, NUMBER ONE ROUND THE CORNER. At 8.0, A SHEEP IN WOLF'S CLOTHING. At 9.0, THE CORSICAN BROTHERS.

STRAND.—At 7.30, THE DRESS COAT. At 8.0, LIVING AT EASE. At 9.30, NEMESIS.

GAIETY.—At 7.45, Comedietta. At 8.15, MY AWFUL DAD. At 10.30, COOL AS A CUCUMBER. On Monday, OFF THE LINE, ICI ON PARLE FRANCAIS, and A SPELLING BEE.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 8.0, OURS.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, A WHIRLIGIG. At 8.0, OUR BOYS, and a FEARFUL FOG.

COURT.—At 8.0, A SCRAP OF PAPER, and A QUIET RUBBER.

DUKE'S.—PROMENADE CONCERTS at 8.0.

OPERA COMIQUE.—MADAME L'ARCHIDUC (last night.)

CRITERION.—At 8.0, MARY'S SECRET, and THE GREAT DIVORCE CASE.

ALHAMBRA.—LE VOYAGE DANS LA LUNE, &c.

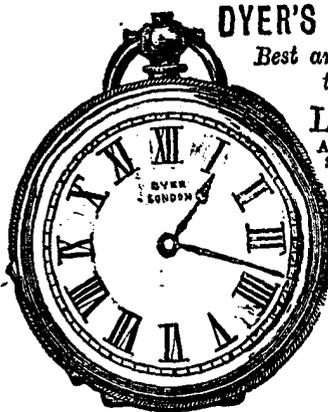
ALEXANDRA PALACE.—This day, MEXICAN MUSTANG HORSE FEATS, CONCERT, &c. On Monday, TROTting MEETING, LICENSED VICTUALLERS' ASYLUM FETE, FIREWORKS, &c. On Thursday, TOTTLES, &c. On Saturday, BALFE MEMORIAL FESTIVAL. Open daily, PROMENADE CONCERTS, BROEKMANN'S CIRCUS, SKATING RINK, &c.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—This day, Visit of Sir Salar Jung, &c. On Thursday, FIREWORKS, RACES, &c. Open daily, AQUARIUM, SKATING RINK, CIRCUS, &c.

ROYAL AQUARIUM SUMMER AND WINTER GARDEN
Open daily. CONCERT, SKATING RINK, &c.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.—BURNING AND COMBUSTION, and CROOKE'S DISCOVERIES and APPARATUS, HEINKE'S DIVING APPARATUS and SUBMARINE LAMP. TYPE WRITER. HOGG'S PATENT VENTILATION. BATEMAN'S COLLECTION OF MODEL STEAM ENGINES. BIDDER'S MAGNETIC LAMP. TISLEY'S COMPOUND PENDULUM, &c., &c. ALICE IN WONDERLAND. A WALK THROUGH THE TOWER. WONDERS OF THE MICROSCOPE. Mr. TAYLOR'S WONDERFUL BOY. CLAIRVOYANCE AND PLATE DANCING. SOLOS ON THE VIOLIN. Admission to the whole, 1s; Schools, and Children under 10, half-price.

EGYPTIAN (LARGE) HALL.—MASKELYNE AND COOKE, daily at 3.0 and 8.0.

**DYER'S WATCHES.**

Best and Cheapest in the World.

LOWEST Wholesale cash prices: Aluminium, 10s 6d; Silver, 20s; Silver Levers, 55s; Gold, 55s; Levers, 68s. All kinds of Watches, Clocks, and Gold Jewellery. Every watch timed, tested and warranted for two years. Orders safe per post. Price lists and illustrations free.—DYER & SONS, Watch Manufacturers, 90 Regent Street, London, W., and Chaux-de-Fonds.

MR. THOMAS C. MACROW,
252 WESTMINSTER BRIDGE ROAD,
LONDON, S.E.

(OPPOSITE ASTLEY'S THEATRE.)

BUSINESSES, of Every Description, let quietly and quickly (Town or Country). All parties wishing to sell, call or send full particulars. Registration fee. Hours, 10 to 6; Saturday, 10 to 3. Enclose stamp for reply. No canvassers employed.

ESTABLISHED 1864.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY Limited, 7 Bank Buildings, Lothbury, E.C. General accidents. Personal injuries. Death by accident. C. HARDING, Manager.

NERVOUS and PHYSICAL DEBILITY. —A gentleman, after years of suffering, has discovered a simple means of self cure. He will be happy to forward the particulars to any sufferer on receipt of a stamped and directed envelope. Address—Mr. J. T. Sewell, 7 Grove Terrace, Fulham, London.

PORTSMOUTH TIMES AND NAVAL GAZETTE

Hampshire, I. of Wight and Sussex County Journals. Conservative organ for the district. Largest and most influential circulation.

"The Naval Paper of the Principal Naval Arsenal." See "May's British and Irish Press Guide."

Tuesday Evening, One Penny. Saturday, Twopence.

Chief Offices:—154 Queen Street, Portsea. Bro. R. HOLBROOK & Sons, Proprietors.

Branch Offices at Chichester and Gosport. Agencies in all the principal towns in the district.

Advertisements should be forwarded to reach the Office not later than Tuesday Mornings and Friday afternoons.

TAMAR INDIEN (universally prescribed by the Faculty), a laxative, refreshing, and medicated fruit lozenge, for the immediate relief and effectual cure of constipation, headache, bile, hæmorrhoids, &c. Tamar (unlike pills and the usual purgatives) is agreeable to take, and never produces irritation.—2s 6d per box, post free 2d extra. E. GRILLON, 34 Coleman-street, London, E.C.; and of all Chemists.

THE INVIGORATIVE NERVINE ESSENCE, PREPARED BY BAUMGARTEN & CO.

A MOST powerful nutritive cordial, which restores to their normal condition all the secretions, on the integrity of which perfect health depends.

REPORT BY DR. HASSALL.

"Having analysed the preparation to which Messrs. Baumgarten and Co. have given the name of 'INVIGORATIVE NERVINE ESSENCE,' I am of opinion that it is a combination well calculated, from its containing, among other ingredients, Pepsine and Phosphate of Soda, to prove most serviceable to the DEBILITATED, the NERVOUS, and the DYSPETIC."

Price 8s per bottle, or four 8s bottles in one, 22s, carriage free. Sole agents, BRANT & CO. 233 Strand, London, W.C.

"FOR the BLOOD is the LIFE," CLARKE'S WORLD-FAMED BLOOD MIXTURE,

Trade Mark—"Blood Mixture."

THE GREAT BLOOD PURIFIER & RESTORER.

For cleansing and clearing the blood from all impurities, cannot be too highly recommended.

For Scrofula, Scurvy, Skin Diseases, and Sores of all kinds it is a never-failing and permanent cure.

It Cures Old Sores, Cures Ulcerated Sores on the Neck, Cures Ulcerated Sore Legs, Cures Blackheads, or Pimples on the Face, Cures Scurvy Sores, Cures Cancerous Ulcers, Cures Blood and Skin Diseases, Cures Glandular Swellings, Clears the Blood from all Impure Matter, From whatever cause arising.

As this Mixture is pleasant to the taste, and warranted free from anything injurious to the most delicate constitution of either sex, the Proprietor solicits sufferers to give it a trial to test its value.

Thousands of Testimonials from all parts.

Sold in Bottles, 2s 6d each, and in Cases, containing six times the quantity, 11s each—sufficient to effect a permanent cure in the great majority of long-standing cases—BY ALL CHEMISTS AND PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS throughout the United Kingdom and the world, or sent to any address on receipt of 30 or 132 stamps by

F. J. CLARKE, Chemist, High Street, Lincoln. Wholesale: All Patent Medicine Houses.

YOUNG'S Articulated Corn and Bunion Plaisters are the best ever invented for giving immediate ease, and removing those painful excrescences. Price 6d and 1s per box. Any Chemist not having them in stock can procure them.

Observe the Trade Mark—H. Y.—without which none are genuine. Be sure and ask for Young's

THE HOLBORN RESTAURANT, 218 HIGH HOLBORN,**ONE OF THE SIGHTS AND ONE OF THE COMFORTS OF LONDON.**

Attractions of the chief PARISIAN ESTABLISHMENTS, with the quiet and order essential to English customs.

DINNERS AND LUNCHEONS FROM DAILY BILL OF FARE.

A Table d'Hote every evening from 6 to 8-30. Price 3s 6d.

INCLUDING SOUPS, FISH, ENTREES, JOINTS, SWEETS, CHEESE, SALAD, &c., WITH DESSERT.

This FAVOURITE DINNER is accompanied by a SELECTION of High-class INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.

COFFEE, TEA, CHESS AND SMOKING ROOMS.

W. W. MORGAN,

LETTER-PRESS, COPPER-PLATE, LITHOGRAPHIC PRINTER, &c.

GENERAL BOOKBINDER AND STATIONER,

67 BARBICAN, LONDON, E.C.

(ONE DOOR FROM ALDERSGATE STREET.)

MASONIC LODGE SUMMONSES, MENU CARDS, &c. ARTISTICALLY EXECUTED.

SKETCHES OR DESIGNS FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES FURNISHED ON APPLICATION.

BOOKS, PERIODICALS, PAMPHLETS, PROSPECTUSES, CATALOGUES, POSTERS, BILLHEADS, SHOWCARDS, &c.

Every description of Printing (Plain or Ornamental) executed in First Class Style.

CHANCERY BILLS AND ANSWERS AT A FEW HOURS' NOTICE.

Chancery Petitions Written and Lithographed from Draft Copies.

PLANS AND PARTICULARS OF ESTATE FOR SALE BY AUCTION;

COUNTRY SOLICITORS AND AUCTIONEERS MAY HAVE COPIES OR PROOFS RETURNED THE SAME DAY.

Account Books of the Best Quality kept in Stock, or Made to Pattern at a Short Notice.

BOOKBINDING IN ALL ITS BRANCHES.

ESTIMATES FURNISHED ON APPLICATION TO

W. W. MORGAN, 67 BARBICAN, LONDON E.C.

OFFICE OF "THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE."

H. T. LAMB,
MANUFACTURER OF
MASONIC JEWELS, CLOTHING AND REGALIA,
5 ST. JOHN SQUARE, LONDON.
PRICE LIST ON APPLICATION.

SPENCER'S MASONIC MANUFACTORY,
OPPOSITE FREEMASONS' HALL.
COSTUME, JEWELS AND FURNITURE FOR ALL DEGREES.
A QUANTITY IN STOCK.
ORDERS EXECUTED IMMEDIATELY.
SPENCER & Co., 23A Great Queen Street, London, W.C.

JOSEPH J. CANEY,
DIAMOND MERCHANT, AND MANUFACTURING JEWELLER AND WATCH MAKER,
44 CHEAPSIDE, LONDON.
MASONIC JEWELS, CLOTHING AND FURNITURE.
Specialité—First Class Jewels—Artistic—Massive—Best Quality—Moderate in Price.
CATALOGUES POST FREE.
A LARGE STOCK OF LOOSE BRILLIANTS FOR EXPENSIVE JEWELS.
Diamond Rings, Brooches, Studs, Earrings and Bracelets in Great Variety.

MASONIC JEWELS FOR ALL DEGREES.
MINIATURE WAR MEDALS AND DECORATIONS.
ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD IN ALL SIZES.
ATHLETIC SPORTS MEDALS AND BADGES.
A. D. LOEWENSTARK & SONS, Medallists, 210 STRAND, LONDON, W.C.
MANUFACTORY—1 DEVEREUX COURT, STRAND.

NEW MASONIC SONGS.
"THE PRINCE & THE CRAFT," "THE APRON BLUE."
Written by G. BLIZARD ABBOTT, 1385. Composed by MICHAEL WATSON.
PRICE TWO SHILLINGS EACH (NETT), FREE BY POST.
London: W. W. MORGAN, 67 Barbican, London, E.C.

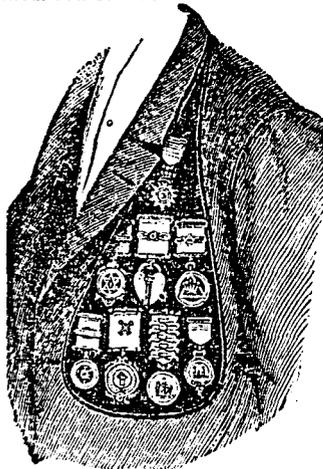
ESTABLISHED 1833.
ADAM S. MATHER,
GAS ENGINEER, GENERAL GAS FITTER AND BELL HANGER,
MANUFACTURER OF BILLIARD LIGHTS,
AND OF EVERY DESCRIPTION OF GAS APPARATUS FOR COOKING AND HEATING.
Bath Rooms Fitted up. All the Latest Improvements Introduced.
MANUFACTORY—33 CHARLES STREET, HATTON GARDEN, E.C.;
AND AT 278 CALEDONIAN ROAD, ISLINGTON, N.
ESTIMATES GIVEN.

GLASGOW AND THE HIGHLANDS.



ROYAL ROUTE, *via* Cri-
nan and Caledonian Canals
by Royal Mail Steamer "IONA,"
from Glasgow Daily at 7 a.m.,
and from Greenock at 9 a.m.,
conveying passengers for the
NORTH and WEST HIGHLANDS.—See bill, with
map and tourist fares, free, at Messrs. CHATTO
and WINDUS, Publishers, 74 Piccadilly, London,
or by post from DAVID HUTCHESON and Co.,
119 Hope Street, Glasgow.

F. ADLARD,
MASONIC CLOTHIER & MERCHANT
TAILOR,
INVENTOR OF THE MASONIC JEWEL ATTACHER (REGD.)



No. 225 HIGH HOLBORN,
Opposite Southampton Row, W.C.

"BRO. ADLARD'S
far-famed JEWEL
ATTACHER, from
its simplicity and
convenience, has
only to be known
to be universally
adopted. The price
7s 6d. (11 with
pockets for Jewels
6d each pocket
extra) places it
within the reach
of all."—MASONIC
MAGAZINE.

"We have much
pleasure in recom-
mending Brother
Adlard's Attacher
for its convenience
and usefulness."—
THE FREEMASON.

Bro. Adlard's
Superior Fitting
Lodge Collars are
well worthy atten-
tion of the Craft.

"There should be a better reason for the race of Depositors
than a fluctuating rate of two or three per cent."—IN-
VESTOR'S GUARDIAN.

LOMBARD BANK (Limited), Nos.
43 and 41 Lombard-street, City; and 277 and 279 Regent-
street, W. Established 1869, receives Deposits. On Demand,
5 per cent. Subject to Notice, 10 per cent. Opens Current
Accounts. Supplies Cheque Books. Investors are invited to
examine this new and improved system, that ensures a high
rate of interest with perfect security. The Directors have
never re-discounted or re-hypothecated any of the securities.
To BORROWERS.—It offers pre-eminently advantages for prompt
advances on leases, reversions, policies, trade stocks, farm
produce, warrants, and furniture, without removal, publicity,
sureties, or fees. JAMES PRYOR, Manager.

LOMBARD BUILDING SOCIETY,
Nos. 43 and 41 Lombard-street, City, and 277 and 279
Regent-street, W. Established 1869. Incorporated under
the New Act, 1874. TO INVESTORS.—Deposits received at
liberal interest. The Directors by strict economy have hi-
therto paid every investor 10 and 12 per cent. per annum.
Borrowers are offered unusual facilities for the purchase of
Houses, Shops, Farms, &c. New and Special Feature.—The
Society will build Houses, etc. in any approved part of Great
Britain, finding the whole cost of the building, at 5 per cent.,
repayable by instalments, the applicant merely finding the
plan and paying or giving security for the first 5 years' inter-
est. Prospectuses, balance-sheets, and press opinions
free. Active Agents wanted. JAMES PRYOR, Manager.

109 CITY ROAD,
ONE DOOR FROM OLD STREET, E.C.

BRO. CUTHBERTSON,



HATTER

AND



BOYS' SCHOOL CAP MAKER.



SCHOOLS
AND COLLEGES
SUPPLIED.



AGENT FOR MASONIC CLOTHING & JEWELLERY.

**LONDON & NORTH WESTERN
RAILWAY.**

TOURIST ARRANGEMENTS, 1876.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Class Tourist Tickets, available
for Two Months, will be issued from 1st June to the
31st October 1876.

For particulars, see Time Tables and Programmes
issued by the Company.

G. FINDLAY,
CHIEF TRAFFIC MANAGER'S OFFICE,
EUSTON STATION, 1876.

READY THIS DAY.

Demy 8vo, Price 2s 6d.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE CHESS OPEN-
INGS;** a tabulated analysis, by WILLIAM
COOK, a member of the Bristol and Clifton Chess
Association. Second Edition, with additions and
emendations.

LONDON: W. W. MORGAN, 67 BARBICAN, E.C.

Demy 8vo, Price 7s 6d.

THE CHESS OPENINGS.

By ROBERT B. WORMALD.

LONDON: W. W. MORGAN, 67 BARBICAN, E.C.

**POSITIONS IN THE CHESS OPENINGS
MOST FREQUENTLY PLAYED.**

Illustrated with copious Diagrams.

By T. LONG, B.A., T.C.D.,

Being a supplement to the "Key to the Chess
Openings," by the same author.

LONDON: W. W. MORGAN, 67 BARBICAN, E.C.

New Edition, Enlarged, Crown 8vo., Cloth 5s.

WAIFS AND STRAYS, CHIEFLY FROM
THE CHESS BOARD, by Captain Hugh A.
Kennedy, Vice-President of the British Chess
Association.

LONDON: W. W. MORGAN, 67 BARBICAN.

THE WESTMINSTER PAPERS, Vol. 8,
No. 99 for JULY, now ready. Sixpence.
CHESS, WHIST, GAMES OF SKILL AND THE DRAMA.

LONDON: W. W. MORGAN, 67 BARBICAN, E.C.

NEW WORKS ON FREEMASONRY,

BY

Bro. CHALMERS I. PATON,

(Past Master No. 393, England).

**FREEMASONRY: ITS SYMBOLISM,
RELIGIOUS NATURE, AND LAW OF
PERFECTION.** 8vo, Cloth, Price 10s 6d.

**FREEMASONRY AND ITS JURISPRU-
DENCE.** 8vo, Cloth, Price 10s 6d.

**THE ORIGIN OF FREEMASONRY: THE
1717 THEORY EXPLODED.** Price 1s.

LONDON: REEVES & TURNER, 196 STRAND.

AND ALL BOOKSELLERS.

MORING,
ENGRAVER, DIE SINKER,
HERALDIC ARTIST,
ILLUMINATED ADDRESSES,
44, HIGH HOLBORN, W.C.

ILLUSTRATED PRICE LIST POST FREE.

Printed and Published for the FREEMASON'S
CHRONICLE PUBLISHING COMPANY LIMITED, by
Bro. WILLIAM WRAY MORGAN, at 67 Barbican,
London, E.C., Saturday, 22nd July 1876.