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## BRO. SIMPSON'S MOTION IN GRAND LODGE.

WE are rejoiced that Grand Lodge has accepted unanimously Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson's motion for the appointment of a Committee to consider the best means of commemorating our Grand Master's visit to India. The occasion is certainly one that calls for some recognition from the Craft. The visit was essentially one of peace and goodwill towards India. It was undertaken with the view of bringing the Indian and British subjects of Her Majesty into a nearer and more intimate union of feeling towards each other, as well as of loyalty towards their common Sovereign. The visit was one uninterrupted triumph, a triumph, too, obtained, not after desperate conflict with a determined foe, but in the glorious times of peace. We recognise, therefore, the propriety of commemorating an event so auspicious in our annals. Indeed, we have all along been most favourably disposed towards any reasonable proposal that might be made. We are anxious, however, and not unnaturally, that the proposal, whatever form it may assume, shall be worthy both of the occasion which prompts it, and the Craft which makes it. There were strong objections to the earlier propositions that were advanced. They were, to a certain extent, excellent of their kind. They did not, however, command the approbation of the general body. We think it wise, then, that Grand Lodge has now accepted Bro. Simpson's motion. A select committee, with ample time before it, will be able to ascertain the feeling of the Craft. We may be sure those eminent brethren who have been nominated to serve on it will carefully examine the various suggestions that may be offered, and will select the one most likely to command respect. We leave the matter in their hands with the utmost confidence. We think it would have been better, perhaps, had the Committee, as originally proposed by Bro. Simpson, been granted without any addition whatever to its numbers. We do not for one moment imagine that the Grand Officers proposed to be added by Bro. Philbrick, or the Provincial Grand Masters whom Bro. Curteis suggested should still further swell the number, are less competent to deal with this matter than Bro. Simpson's nominees. But in matters of this kind, a small yet compact body of men is likelier to manage well than a more numerous and possibly, therefore, a more unwieldy body. It may be that in the multitude of counsellors there is wisdom, or, as the more correct rendering hath it, in a multitude of counsellors there is safety. The general experience, however, we believe, is in favour of small but carefully selected committees, and the addition of half-a-dozen Grand Officers and some forty Provincial Grand Masters will render the task of deliberation, to say the least, a matter of greater difficulty. But after all this is, comparatively, a minor point. We feel assured the Committee will do its work conscientiously, and with that assurance we are quite satisfied.

As to the form which the memorial may take, we do not think it proper we should make any direct suggestion. The plan of enlarging the benefits of one or other, or all of our Charitable Institutions, seems the likeliest to command universal assent. It may, however, be in the power of clearer-sighted men than ourselves to suggest some better scheme still. Under these circumstances we abstain from offering any opinion now. We have already indicated the direction of our own feelings, but, as we have said, we await the issue of the Committee's labours with perfect confidence. It will be time enough to think of criticising their work when the work has been achieved.

## THE INACTIVE MASON.

THE progress of Freemasonry during the last few years is undeniable. In spite of the obstacles it encounters at well nigh every step it takes, the intolerance exhibited by this or that religion, the persecutions, the annoyances, the ridicule, and, we may add, the careless indifference of its own sons, Freemasonry at this moment exercises a most potent influence in all civilised communities. It matters not whither we turn, be it towards the Continent of Europe, or to the new world, we find everywhere indications the most assuring as to the almost daily increasing stability of our Craft. Equally undeniable is it that the influence we exercise everywhere is an influence for good. It is true we are a secret society, and the work we are continually promoting is not generally "understood of the people." Owing, indeed, to this very secrecy which enshrouds all our operations, we are often accused of serious crimes and misdemeanours as well against all forms of government as against all religious faiths. Happily, however, this secrecy is partial in its character. It keeps hidden from the eyes of the vulgar those sacred rites and ceremonies which have belonged to us through all time, but the results of its mysterious working are known of all men. It is rightly forbidden to divulge our mysteries, but the world knows well enough that one of the principal objects of Freemasonry is to establish a closer bond of union among the different peoples of the earth, and that the chief means we employ is the promotion of good fellowship. We exemplify this mainly through our numerous, and, we may safely venture to add, our spontaneous acts of charity. We are not, or at least we strive not to be, ostentatious in our good works. But the knowledge of our beneficence is spread abroad throughout all lands, until it has come to be a universally received maxim that, whatever his political and religious views may be, a good Mason *must* be a good man. This is a compliment we cannot too highly value. No one outside the pale of our Society knows what Freemasonry is, but the effect of its unknown teaching is apparent everywhere. We are recognised as a power among men. We are not formally constituted either as a political or a religious body. Our power, therefore, both in religion and politics, is, in one sense, more apparent than real, and yet, in very truth, more real than apparent. Our law is to respect all religious faiths and all forms of government. It follows, then, that in all countries where Freemasonry has established a home for itself, the ruling powers can reckon on the support of all its members, while the religious sect or sects which prevail will obtain, even though they may hardly deserve, the respect of our body. We know well enough, indeed we have already said, we are persecuted of certain religious faiths. But this is invariably of great service to our Craft. It must be that our persecutors are either renegade Masons, or, having always been outside the pale of Masonry, are in utter ignorance of our doctrines and constitution, so far as they are kept hidden from the public. No formal absolution that may be accorded to the perjurer will induce honest men to have faith in his subsequent statements; and no one accepts as Gospel the statements of the ignorant. Thus, the charges that are so pertinaciously brought against us, being easily refutable, serve only to magnify our worth. The harm they inflict is, not on us, but on those who make them. We have, then, little reason to fear the attacks that are made on our Institution. In some countries we are forbidden to assemble, and where this is the case, our fraternity obeys the law; but wherever the right of meeting is accorded,

there we set an example of strict obedience to the civil power, and the utmost respect for all forms of religion. As we have said, therefore, in countries where Freemasonry has established a home for itself, both the civil and religious governments may reckon on our loyalty. It is not, then, from outside attacks that we need have any fears, so much as from the laxity and indifference of our own people. The inactive Mason, especially, who is a Mason in little more than name, is a serious detriment to our Society. In many cases, he is of those who enrol themselves in our ranks because his friends before him have done so, or because it happens, for the time being, to be the fashion for people to become Masons. He may, perhaps, be able to assert, most conscientiously, that he has never been improperly solicited to join, that no personal hope of gain has actuated him in his desire to become one of us. He finds the circle in which he moves are mostly brethren of the mystic tie. He hears that men of standing in society are daily entering our ranks. Therefore he seeks and obtains admission, and then his ambition is satisfied. In a very short time attendance in his Lodge becomes a trouble. It never occurred to him, at the time of his candidature, that an occasional sacrifice of time to the duties of Freemasonry would be expected of him. He had, indeed, no other motive than a wish to follow in the groove of fashion. That accomplished, he recognises it as no part of his business to be an active, much less an energetic, member of his Lodge. He attends only when he has no other engagement—we do not mean a business engagement, but an engagement to some dinner party, to the theatre, or the opera. The Lodge of Instruction knows him not. He takes no interest in our ceremonies. He evinces no desire to gain a knowledge of our ritual. He may occasionally contribute his mite towards one or other of our Charities, but he does so because he hears it is "good form," not from any interest he feels in the cause of charity. As for extending his support to Masonic literature or Masonic journalism, is it not enough that he has obeyed the laws of fashion, and enrolled himself a Craftsman? When it becomes fashionable to buy a Masonic Cyclopædia, or a Masonic journal, he will not be behind his fellows in the performance of his duty. We may even venture to think that if a study of our literature become the order of the day, he may muster up courage to read occasionally. All this, however, he will do only when he can no longer help himself. He will buy book or paper, and even go the length of reading it, when society tells him it is the right thing to do. The only part of our Masonic labour which he thinks in any wise endurable, is, funnily enough, our Masonic refreshment. We have said the Lodge room hardly knows the inactive Mason, but in the banqueting hall he is very far from being a stranger. Men, and most assuredly men who are likewise brothers, have at least one important duty in the day's work that cannot be neglected. They must dine, and if, as is often the case, the Lodge subscription covers the cost of banquet, then all the greater reason why attendance at refreshment should punctually be observed. Such as these are of no use to us, but a hindrance rather. They swell our numbers, but they bring to us no commensurate strength. They are, indeed, a source of weakness. As the strength of a chain is in its weakest link, so in Masonry; its strength must be governed by the character of those who join its ranks. If men are admitted who are sincere in their desire to learn our beautiful doctrines, who will think it no hardship to take part in the duties of our Lodges, who will strive, on all suitable occasions, to carry out the principles we profess, then it requires no prescience to foretell that in such case Freemasonry will go on flourishing like a green bay-tree. On the other hand, if men are admitted, as it were, indiscriminately, because it is the fashion for people to become Masons, then we do not hesitate to say the Craft must suffer sooner or later. The *fainéant* Mason will never do good yeoman service. He may, indeed, do much harm, directly as well as indirectly. The indirect harm he does may be summed up in very few words. He is only nominally a Mason. The direct harm he may inflict is well nigh incalculable. Though ignorant, irregular in his attendance, indifferent to our principles, he may still claim to exercise his rights and privileges on all occasions, provided, of course, he pay up all his dues. To mention one case only in which he may be of disservice to his Lodge, and therefore to the whole Craft. The ballot box gives him great power, as well to inflict harm if he abuse it, as to do good if he use it.

Therefore it is that so great care should be exercised in admitting candidates. It will happen, of course, in spite of all precautions, that some indifferent persons will find their way into our Society. But it is our duty to try and keep the number of such at a minimum. It is possible, by learning something of a candidate's antecedents, to judge whether he is likely to prove a serviceable addition to our numbers. In many, let us hope in the majority of cases, the introduction of known brethren is a guarantee of the candidate's fitness, but there is too often a laxity on the part of members in proposing and seconding the election of new men. Thus it is our members are swelled by the inclusion in our ranks of men who, once they are elected, trouble themselves no further about Freemasonry. We are better without such inactive Masons. If we are to fulfil our duties properly, the short time at our disposal leaves no room for indifference and irregularity. We must do our work, as we solemnly engaged to do at our initiation, and to this end we must be as careful as we can to exclude those who are at all likely to become inactive members.

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### CHESHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

THIS Institution was founded in the year 1863, for the education and advancement in life of the children of distressed and deceased Freemasons, and we take this opportunity of congratulating, as we do most heartily, our brethren of the Province of Chester on the very excellent services they have been rendering, during the past thirteen years, in the cause of Masonic Charity. The report for the year 1875 is now before us, and though the Committee express it as their opinion "that there is much laxity on the part of some Lodges and Chapters in forwarding their annual returns, and in collecting subscriptions from the brethren," the facts and figures recorded in it disclose a very gratifying state of things. The account for the year is very favourable. There was an opening balance of £370 1s. The sum of £268 5s 6d was received in the way of fees, subscriptions and donations from the different Lodges, Chapters, and brethren in the Province. The invested funds of the Institution yielded £101 5s. Bro. Charles Duval was instrumental in augmenting the year's receipts, to the extent of £24, by his entertainments at Birkenhead, &c., and one half the collection at Hyde Church; when the P. G. L. attended, yielded over £12. Prov. Grand Chapter contributed five and twenty guineas, and other smaller donations, from the P.G.M. and Lady de Tabley, and other sources, helped to raise the receipt side of the account to £818 16s 10d. The expenditure included, among other items, an outlay for the education of twenty-one pupils, £128 13s 4d, and the advancement of one Four Guineas; invested in Liverpool Gas Company's Stock £265 17s 10, with a balance at bank of £348 5s, and in treasurer's hands £40 6s 7d. The funds of the Institution which, at the close of 1874, amounted to £2,216 11s 2d are now increased to £2,500 19s 5d, including the two balances already mentioned. Thus there is every prospect that with continued, and even, we may hope, increased support, this Masonic Educational Institution may go on prospering more and more from year to year, and so be enabled to extend the field of its operations, and to assist, to an even greater degree than it does now, in helping the children of distressed or deceased brethren. We notice in the list of patrons and governors the names of nearly all the prominent members of the Province, R.W. Bro. Lord de Tabley P.G.M. heading the list, and being energetically seconded by Bros. Lord Combermere, Lord Richard Grosvenor, Sir G. Greenall, the Hon. W. Graham Egerton, M.P. and others, while not a few ladies, Viscountess Combermere and Lady de Tabley being of the number, lend their encouragement, both moral and material, likewise. We repeat our hearty good wishes to the brethren of Cheshire. We trust the good work they have so long fostered may go on yielding fruit more and more abundantly with each successive year!

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The installation meeting of the Addiscombe Lodge, No. 1556, will take place this day (Saturday) at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Monthly Meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Saturday last, under the presidency of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, Vice-President. Among those present were Bros. Capt. Wordsworth, Lt. Col. Creton, Henry Browse, Capt. Philips, Major Clarke, Hyde Pullen, J. C. Parkinson, William Roebuck, J. M. W. Dosell, J. Moutrie, S. Rosenthal, C. F. Matier, Dr. Ramsay, Jesse Turner, D. M. Dewar, H. Young, T. K. Kent, Robt. Kenyon, &c.

A grant of £20 was made to an ex-pupil for his advancement, the circumstances being deemed sufficient to warrant so exceptional an amount. Bro. Robt. Kenyon proposed, and Bro. H. Browse seconded the motion. A further sum of £3,000, out of the £13,000 collected under Lord Leigh's presidency, at the last Festival, was ordered to be invested, making, with the £2,000 previously invested, a total of £5,000. Bro. C. Matier then rose to bring forward the motion of which he had given notice, that an addition of £100 be made to the salary of Bro. Binckes, as Secretary of this Institution. Bro. Binckes having retired from the room, Bro. Matier spoke somewhat to the following effect:—

Brethren,—In rising to move the resolution of which I gave notice of motion at last meeting of the General Committee I am sure you will need but few comments from me. I will simply content myself with giving you the reasons by which I, individually, am actuated. In the first place, I find that, although the income of the Institution has increased from £2477 9s 2d in 1861, when Bro. Binckes succeeded to the Secretarial duties, to the large and unprecedented sum of £13,246 in 1875, I do not find that the income of the Secretary has made a corresponding increase, and it is my firm conviction, as a commercial man, that increase of remuneration should be co-existent with increase of results. I must confess my pleasure at being permitted by the Chairman of the last General Committee, by the advice of several of the firmest supporters of the best interests of the School, to change the original motion of £50 to £100. There is a further sum (charged yearly), this, you are well aware, is given in lieu of commission, which, by the arrangement with Bro. Binckes on his accepting the office was given to him on all sums subscribed over £2000. Well, brethren, had this arrangement been carried out, Bro. Binckes would, in 1875, have received £550 instead of the £200 which was voted when the Annual Festivals had not attained their present gigantic size. My third, my last, and, to my idea, my most cogent reason is, that by thus giving our Secretary a yearly increase, we also offer him a vote of confidence, and give him some small reparation for the slanders which have alike attacked the best interests of the School, the House Committee, and the Official Representative. To show our regard for these calumnies in the way they deserve, we can give to the Institution our best support, to the House Committee our unreserved confidence, and to the Secretary the only tangible commodity in our power—money. I can only express my great pleasure at being permitted to propose this resolution, not only as a Life Governor and a member of the Province of East Lancashire, but as one who may call himself an intimate personal friend of Bro. Binckes, and who can appreciate, in the highest degree, his sterling worth and his unwearying efforts.

Bro. Kenyon, having regard to the merits of the proposal, most cordially seconded it. He regretted sundry of the observations which had fallen from Bro. Matier as to certain past unpleasant differences, and he doubted not that Bro. Matier, on due consideration, would see fit to withdraw certain expressions, which were not in harmony with Masonry. Bro. Kenyon spoke in the highest terms of the zeal and ability which Bro. Binckes had displayed during his tenure of the Secretaryship, and expressed his belief that the proposed addition to that officer's stipend was a just recognition of his merits.

Bro. Jesse Turner, as one of the oldest members of the Audit Committee, remarked that the recent attacks made on the several Committees and the Secretary had failed utterly, while Bro. Col. Ridgway had shown conclusively that the official statement of accounts was fair, clear, and honest. Bro. Turner, however, pointed out that while these attacks in no way affected the members of the Audit and other Committees personally, they must be felt most seriously by Bro. Binckes, whose character was his daily bread. Bro. Turner therefore supported the proposition with the greatest pleasure, and trusted the Committee would accept it unanimously, as it would prove to the world how unaltered and unalterable was the confidence they reposed in their esteemed and zealous Secretary.

Bro. Matier having, in deference to the wish expressed by Bro. Kenyon, withdrawn the expression which had given offence, the Chairman, in a few words, expressed the gratification it afforded him to be able to endorse all that had been said as to Bro. Binckes's merits. The motion was put and carried with acclamation. Bro. Binckes was then summoned, and, on entering the room, was greeted with hearty cheers.

The chairman then notified to Bro. Binckes the result of Bro. Matier's proposition, on which Bro. Binckes rose for the purpose of expressing his acknowledgments.

Bro. Binckes said the last time his stipend had been raised he had expressed his thanks as warmly as he could, nor had he anticipated any further addition would be made. Kind friends, however, had been pleased to think the further services it had been his duty to render to the Institution deserved some further pecuniary recognition, and the Committee had just confirmed such belief by voting the addition proposed by Bro. Matier. He thanked the brethren present most cordially, assuring them, at the same time, that the pleasure he experienced was increased by the unanimity with which the motion was agreed to. Moreover, the vote amounted to a public expression of sympathy with, and continued confidence in him, and must set at rest for ever the accusations of which he had been the object.

It amounted, in fact, to a testimony by them in his behalf, not only that the charges brought against him had been brought unjustly, but that after sixteen years spent in the service of the Boys' School, as Secretary, their confidence in him was unabated.

On the motion of Bro. J. C. Parkinson, seconded by Bro. Captain Wordsworth, it was unanimously agreed that the increase of salary should take place from the 1st of January of this year.

The meeting then separated.

We take this opportunity of appending the expression of our heartiest congratulations to Bro. Binckes on this additional proof, were any needed, that his labours are appreciated by the Governing Body of the School, and we feel assured that the vote of last Saturday will be hailed throughout the Craft as a just tribute to his worth.

## THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

ON Monday, 28th August, the boys of our School, to the number of about 175, were invited by Mr. T. B. Smithies, a well-known philanthropist (of Earham House, Wood Green), to pay him a visit, on which occasion they were provided with a very substantial tea, to which we need hardly say full justice was done. As the evening, unfortunately, was a wet one, the lads were obliged to be kept under shelter of a large tent, but they were by no means dull on that account. Mr. Smithies, who is a capital story-teller, kept the attention of his juvenile audience completely fixed for more than an hour, while he was narrating stories of a highly instructive and amusing character. Mr. Smithies advised the elder boys to add *shorthand* writing to their other accomplishments, and as an encouragement he most kindly offered to give two prizes to be competed for annually by all who should take up this important study. In addition to the boys, there were present the mother and sister of Mr. Smithies, Dr. Morris, Mrs. Morris and daughters, Mr. Brocklehurst, and Mr. Jenkinson.

Mr. Smithies is not a Mason, yet he very kindly invited Bro. Durrant, the W.M. of the Lewis Lodge, Wood Green, to meet the young Lewises.

The evening's amusement terminated with three hearty cheers for the host—such cheers, he said, as he had not heard before, even from much older lungs.

## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ARMAGH.

PURSUANT to advertisement, the Quarterly Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh, which embraces the counties of Armagh, Louth and Monaghan, was held on the 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Francis-street, Dundalk, the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Maxwell Close, M.P., presiding, supported by Bro. John G. Winder, J.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The various Lodges of the Province were well represented. Bros. Thomas A. Young V.W.S.W., James Whitla V.W.J.W., Robert Turner W.S.D., E. G. Fitzgerald Inner Guard, acted for H. H. Handcock as Treasurer, and F. E. Clarke as Inner Guard, with J. J. Hesse as the Venerable Secretary of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The report of the Committee who were appointed to draw up a new code of rules for the government of the Provincial Lodge of Armagh was read by Bro. G. H. Smith, and the rules submitted, which, with one or two verbal alterations, were carried unanimously.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the local Board of General Purposes, in several instances, submitted two candidates for each office, but such was the enthusiastic spirit of harmony that prevailed in Grand Lodge, all opposition was withdrawn, and the officers unanimously elected as follow:—Bros. V.W.G.S.W. G. H. Smith, 299, Armagh, V.W.G.J.W. Wm. Shimeld, 384, Louth, W.G.S.D. A. K. Young, 223, Monaghan, W.G.J.D. A. Murchie, 24, Armagh, W.G.I.G. F. E. Clarke, 411, Louth; Very Worshipful Bros. H. H. Handcock, J. J. Hesse, Rev. Augustus Young, and Arthur Nelson, were severally re-elected as Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain and Organist to the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bros. Richard Harvey 85, and Hugh Leonard 384, were elected as Representatives of the Province on the Board of General Purposes at the Grand Lodge of Ireland; and Bros. Robert Turner P.M. 39, Armagh, Past Provincial G.S.W., and V.W. J. J. Hesse, Grand Secretary, 384, Louth, as Representatives on the Board of Instruction. Bro. Smith read the report of the late Banquet Committee, at which 175 brethren attended; after which the Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to the "Queen's Arms Hotel," where they dined, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Maxwell Close, M.P., whose health was drunk with the customary Masonic honours, which were given with great enthusiasm.

General Turr, Venerable of a Hungarian Lodge and Grand Officer of the Grand Orient of Hungary, and well known, no doubt, to most of our readers, as a former companion-in-arms of General Garibaldi was, according to *le Monde Maçonnique*, affiliated to the Lodge *La Clémentine Amitié* on the 18th August. The address of Bro. Cousin, and the General's reply were welcomed with the most enthusiastic plaudits.

## GRAND LODGE.

**T**HE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, 6th instant, when Col. Burdett, Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, presided as Grand Master. The Grand Lodge was formed as follows:—Bros. Col. Burdett as G.M., General Brownrigg as D.G.M., Richard Giddy as P.G.M., the Earl of Donoughmore S.G.W., the Hon. William Warren Vernon J.G.W., Sir Albert Woods Garter G.D.C., Rev. C. J. Martyn G.C., the Rev. C. W. Arnold G.C., Æ. J. McIntyre Q.C. G.R., S. Tomkins Grand Treasurer, John Hervey Grand Secretary, Lieut.-Col. Birchall S.G.D., T. W. Boord S.G.D., E. J. Barron J.G.D., J. M. Case J.G.D., F. P. Cockerell G.S. Wks., Dr. W. Rhys Williams Ass. G.D.C., W. F. Nettleship G.S.B., Wilhelm Kuhe Grand Organist, E. P. Albert G.P., S. G. Foxall A.G.P., and C. B. Payne G.T. There were also present Bros. John Havers P.G.W., Captain William Platt P.G.W., Rev. Spencer Robert Wigram Grand Chaplain, Rev. Sir John Warren Hayes, Bart., P.G.C., Rev. Robert James Simpson P.G.C., Lieut.-Col. John Creaton P.G.D., John M. Clabon P.G.D., Jabez Hogg P.G.D., Henry Browse P.G.D., Samuel Leith Tomkins P.G.D., Brackstone Baker P.G.D., James Ebenezer Saunders P.G.D., Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., Charles Augustus Murton P.G.D., Richard Havers P.G.D., John Anthony Rucker P.G.D., J. Percy Leith P.G.D., Joseph Charles Parkinson P.G.D., Robert Grey P.G.D., Thomas Fenn P.G.D., Richard J. Spiers P.G.S.B., Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., James Mason P.G.S.B., Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B., John Emmens P.G.P., William Ough P.G.P., John Coutts P.G.P., Charles Alexander Cottebrune P.G.P., Thomas Cubitt P.G.P., John Wright P.G.P., F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D. James Terry, F. Binckes, John Constable, H. G. Buss, Thomas W. White, and altogether about 400 brethren.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Communication were read by the Grand Secretary.

It was proposed by Bro. Joshua Nunn, and duly seconded, that the following grants be made from the Benevolent Fund:—

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| A brother of the St. George and Corner Stone Lodge,<br>No. 5, London ... ..                 | £50 | 0 | 0 |
| A brother of the Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742,<br>London ... ..                            | £50 | 0 | 0 |
| The Five Orphan Children of a late brother of the<br>Lodge of Truth, No. 944, Bombay ... .. | £50 | 0 | 0 |
| The Widow of a late brother of the Lodge of Perfect<br>Friendship, No. 376, Ipswich ... ..  | £50 | 0 | 0 |

Bro. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, moved, first, that the Report of the Board of General Purposes be taken as read; and, secondly, that it be received and entered on the minutes, both of which motions, having been seconded, were put and carried unanimously.

Bro. Rev. Robert J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain, then rose, and addressing the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the brethren, said, that in laying before the Grand Lodge the motion of which he had given notice, he wished to lay down for himself three rules, which he hoped would be adopted and allowed by the brethren, and by the speakers who might follow him. The first was, that he should be brief in his remarks; the second, that he should refrain from allusions to persons or the press; and the third, that he should not touch upon the actions of the last Grand Lodge, save and except so far as it was necessary to do so in relation to the subject in hand. Professor Buckland, he believed, had said that a certain amount of heat and tranquillity were necessary to the cultivation of oysters. He was quite sure that on the last occasion there was too much heat and too little tranquillity. He trusted that the heat to-night would be the heat that evinced brotherly love, and that would lead to a calm and just decision. Referring to the resolution that a committee should be appointed to consider the motion, as a natural sequence to that resolution he now ventured to offer the names to be appointed on that committee for the approval or otherwise of the brethren. He was not sure that one particular member of Grand Lodge should have proposed any definite scheme, but that in the very beginning a committee should have been appointed to carry out this great object. That was not done. He was himself an offender in that respect, and therefore he pleaded guilty to being a party to having thus dealt with this subject. But he could not conceal from himself that as it was drawn up in the heat of discussion, it was intended to ward off a great and imminent danger. That object had been attained, and he understood that it was now the opinion that it might be more convenient not to proceed with the committee (cries of "No, no"), but to proceed with another definite motion. Of course it was within the province of Grand Lodge to reject this motion. He would venture to propose the names of these members of the Committee. He thought that they were all brethren who, if chosen, would carry out earnestly and faithfully the object intended. He thought it would be likely to confer a lasting benefit and true dignity on the Order, and therefore, without further comment, he would submit the motion he had placed upon the paper, viz.:—

That in accordance with the resolution passed at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge the following brethren constitute a Special Committee, to consider the best mode of perpetuating, in some charitable form, our thankfulness to Almighty God for the preservation and safe return from India of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the PRINCE of WALES, and report thereon to Grand Lodge:—

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| Bro. Lord Skelmersdale ... ..      | D.G.M.                   |
| „ Earl of Donoughmore ... ..       | S.G.W.                   |
| „ The Hon. W. Warren Vernon ... .. | J.G.W.                   |
| „ Lord Leigh ... ..                | Prov. G.M. Warwickshire: |
| „ Lord Tenterden ... ..            | P.G.W.                   |
| „ J. M. P. Montague ... ..         | D. Prov. G.M. Dorset,    |

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| Bro. J. Havers ... ..            | P.G.W.                      |
| „ Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C. ... .. | Grand Registrar.            |
| „ Jabez Hogg ... ..              | P.G.D.                      |
| „ Erasmus Wilson ... ..          | Deputy M. No. 2.            |
| „ Octavius H. Pearson ... ..     | W.M. No. 10.                |
| „ Hamon L'Estrange ... ..        | P.M. No. 10.                |
| „ Nathan B. Headon ... ..        | W.M. No. 1426.              |
| „ Baxter Langley ... ..          | W.M. No. 1423.              |
| „ Macrae Moir ... ..             | P.M. No. 66.                |
| „ Edwin March ... ..             | W.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge. |
| „ Rev. Robert J. Simpson ... ..  | P.G. Chaplain.              |

With power to add to their number.

The motion was seconded by Bro. Edward Cox P.M. 657.

Bro. Philbrick said undoubtedly the occasion was one which demanded a commemoration from the Craft. As to the manner in which that commemoration was to be made, was left to the Committee which had now been nominated by Bro. Simpson. There was, however, an oversight, and he should be very much disappointed if its rectification were not assented to by Bro. Simpson. There were certain eminent Grand Officers who, from personal merit and official position, were entitled to be on a committee of this sort. For instance, there was Lord Carnarvon, there was the Grand Treasurer, the President of the Board of General Purposes, the President of the Colonial Board, and the President of the Board of Benevolence. He merely wished to put, in the form of an amendment, that these holders of great offices should be added to this Committee to carry out the object which they all had at heart. He would add also the name of Bro. Sir Albert Woods. The amendment was seconded by Bro. R. Stewart. Bro. Simpson, in explanation, merely wished to say that his great difficulty in nominating a committee was to make a selection from so many worthy brethren. He had, therefore, put down as few names as possible, adding the words "with power to add to their number," in order that Grand Lodge might itself make the additions. He willingly assented to the additional names proposed.

After some conversation as to whether the foregoing was an amendment,

Bro. Dr. Hogg said, that as it was decided that Bro. Philbrick's was not an amendment, he believed that there would be a considerable number of brethren who disapproved of Bro. Simpson's motion; it did appear to him that there was a difference of opinion on the matter, and that he might, by some motion, bring about a harmony of feeling in Grand Lodge on the subject, so that a worthy commemoration might be carried out. Being out of town, and unable to communicate with the Board of Masters, he thought it his duty to place his motion on the paper. It appeared to him that, in appointing a committee of this kind, there would be much difference of opinion as to this, and he might put this Grand Lodge in order by proposing an amendment to a committee.

The Grand Master reminded Bro. Hogg that the question before the Lodge was who the committee was to be composed of.

Bro. Hogg said that if Grand Lodge were of opinion that Bro. Simpson's committee should be appointed, he would with pleasure withdraw his amendment. Bro. Wynne thought that they should inquire what were the opinions of this committee, and what they intend to do—an observation which caused considerable merriment.

The Grand Master rose to put the motion.

Bro. Dr. Baxter Langley said that to some extent he believed the feeling of Grand Lodge was in the main with Bro. Simpson, but there was a feeling that the meeting should have some notion of the direction in which the committee should act ("no, no"); that feeling was defined by the fact that Bro. Simpson added to his motion a motion for retreat, in which he indicated how he intended to propose a certain motion that was placed upon the agenda paper. He thought that the committee should act with equal justice and beneficence to all the Charities. (Cries of "order" and "question.") He proposed that there be an instruction to this committee.

The Grand Registrar pointed out to the speaker that the committee must first be appointed. Bro. Dr. Baxter Langley proposed to add a rider to the motion.

The Grand Registrar reminded the Lodge that the Committee was resolved upon at last Grand Lodge, and the only question before this Grand Lodge to-night was the nomination of the Committee-men. Bro. Capt. J. E. Curteis, Devon, said that there was an important body of officers that had been overlooked, viz.—the Provincial Grand Officers, and he begged to propose that the Provincial Grand Masters be added to the Committee.

This amendment having been seconded, the Grand Registrar observed that the amendment proposed by Bro. Philbrick had been assented to by Bro. Simpson, and the amendment now before Grand Lodge he considered in every way deserving of consideration. He thought that Bro. Capt. Curteis might have gone a step further, and added the Prov. Deputy Grand Masters, but that he had not done. He himself could not second the amendment, as that had already been done, but he declared himself a supporter of the amendment that the Provincial Grand Masters be added to the Committee.

To this amendment Bro. Simpson also declared his assent.

The Grand Master then put the resolution as proposed on the agenda, with the addition of the Grand Officers, proposed by Bro. Philbrick, and the Provincial Grand Masters, as proposed by Capt. Curteis, which was carried unanimously.

Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

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*Register of the Various Masonic Bodies* holding regular meetings, under Warrant, at the Village of Maitland, in the County of Granville, Province of Ontario, Dominion of Canada, in the year 1876. Ottawa: Printed by the Citizen Printing and Publishing Company.

The publication of this *Register* must be taken as evidence of the energy and will with which Masons and Members of the high and side degrees pursue their duties in the Village of Maitland. It contains a list of officers of the several bodies, their places and times of meeting, as well as a table of the fees and annual dues of each. It is highly creditable that such a *Register* should make its appearance in a place yet small enough to be described as a village. There are many larger places where a guide of this kind would experience a very cold reception indeed, or meet, perhaps, with no encouragement whatever. It is manifest the compilers of this have reason to look for support. We presume so, at least, or we scarcely think they would have incurred the expense of printing and publishing. As to the manner in which the *Register* has been compiled, it seems to us that no pains have been spared to make it as complete as possible. It is well arranged and free from needless detail, and certainly merits support from the various bodies of which it gives particulars.

## MAGAZINES OF THE MONTH.

We cannot say we think very highly of the political article—"Review of the Session"—which appears this month in *Blackwood*. It seems to us to lack some of that vigour which generally characterises these papers. But, with this exception, the number is an admirable one. We have reached Part IV. of "A Woman Hater," and the further we advance in the story the more we like it. The personages who stand out most prominently are the Klosking, Harrington and Zoe Vizard, Fanny, and Mr. Severne; the most attractive scene, a gaming *salon*; the occasion, an evening when the bank is broken, by none other than the Klosking, who quits the room winner of close on £5,000. The tale is well conceived, and we are gradually beginning to obtain a clearer insight into its intricacies. No. II. of "Devious Rambles with a Definite Object," carries us across the German Ocean to the land of *dams*, and we make acquaintance with many varieties of Dutch life, past and present, an old and little known narrative of a Mrs. Calderwood's tour in Holland supplying the sketches of Dutch life, in the days, long gone by, of hoops, fans, periwigs, &c., &c. Next comes an excellent paper on "Speculative Investments," and then two accounts of the "Loss of the Strathmore," the narrators being Mrs. and Mr. Wordsworth. "Politics and War, Reviewed from the Alps," is the subject of the fourth in the series of "A Wanderer's Letters." Very well written is this series, and the present letter is no exception. Some lines on "The Twelfth of August," and a sketch of "Alfred de Musset," complete the list of contributions. It will be seen from this that only in the political part of the programme is there noticeable any falling off in point of merit.

Just at this moment, when Turkey and its people occupy so prominent, and in some respects unenviable a position before Europe, the article in *Cornhill* "On Turkish Ways and Turkish Women" is pretty certain to find a host of readers. Though there are many among us whose denunciations of the Turk and his ways are both loud and frequent, we doubt if more than a limited few of these self-sufficient critics know much, if anything, about Turkish domestic life. The paper under notice contains a full account of life in the Harem, and as the writer announces in the opening lines that she spent five years of her life, between 1867 and 1872, in a harem in Constantinople, we have faith in the accuracy of her description. And not only this, but we think the tone of her remarks, and indeed her account generally, are indicative of the Turk not being so black as people just now are striving to paint him. Polygamy and slavery are a grievous sin in the eyes of Englishmen, but Englishmen are not the only moral people who have lived on the face of this earth. We have no sympathy whatever with these two institutions. We are simply desirous of pointing out that the Turks are by no means the utter barbarians they are so often represented to be. At all events, let those who care to learn something trustworthy of the domestic life of a Pasha, devote a spare hour to reading this article. We do not expect they will fall in love with polygamy, but we think they will learn a good deal of which it may be they are now ignorant, and especially that Turkish women-folk are by no means as ill-treated as we imagine them to be. The article on the "First of September" is about the best in the whole collection. The writer, who handles his subject both ably and discreetly, describes sport as it was in the days of our fathers and grandfathers, and sport as it is now. The contrast is not favourable to the latter. A few sensible remarks follow as to the value of sport as a prime element in training men to endure fatigue, and to acquire skill in the use of firearms, as well in habits of perseverance, but, above all, in "promoting the union of the *corpus sanum* with the *mens sana*, and of maintaining the healthy balance of all the elements of our nature." One other article describing "A Human Sacrifice" is worth reading, and the serial "Carità" progresses satisfactorily.

The paper in *Temple Bar*, headed "Morality on a Spanish Wharf," introduces us to the daily life of a homely, but worthy class of people, the Cadiz boatmen. The author is quite enthusiastic in his account of them. He says they are genial, honest folk, poor but hospitable,

uneducated, but with a sense of refinement about them we should hardly look for in our English ports. He quotes several of their sayings, proverbial and other, and one or two of them we take leave to re-quote. "The good fare worse than the bad in Spain; but it's best to be good: you are happier." The writer gave one of them some silver for managing the boat skilfully in a rough sea, adding, "I wish it were gold." To which the answer came, "No matter: I receive it as such." Again, "God says all men are brothers; the world says all rich men are brothers;" and "All men are sons of God, and we ought to help one another; but the world does not think so." Our only regret is that the paper is so short. The article on the "Freeing of Servia" gives a brief account of the achievements and death of Czerny George, to whom the Servians are mainly indebted for their freedom. Just now, as illustrating the character of this people, the sketch will find, no doubt, many readers. Mr. A. C. Ewald contributes the first of a series of papers on "Ministers and Maxims," the subject in this instance being "Strafford and his policy of 'Thorough.'" "A Pig Hunt in the Dark" and "The Legend of the Lande of Lanvaux," by Katharine S. Macquoid, are worth mentioning. Mr. Trollope's serial story of "The American Senator" is still in progress, but Mr. Wilkie Collins has concluded his highly interesting romance of "The Two Destinies."

*Baily* stands high among periodicals, occupying, indeed, a position by itself, there being no other magazine that aspires to represent the whole of the sporting world, though there are some, like *Hunt's Yachting Magazine*, which watch over the interests of one particular sport. Thus in *Baily* there is sure to be one or more articles to suit the special tastes of individual readers. For instance, those who care for horse-racing will find an excellent description, by "Amphion," of a training establishment, under the title of "Sheffield Lane." Then there is a survey of "cricket" during the past month, in which the brilliant achievements of Mr. W. G. Grace receive an ample measure of justice. The "Yachting and Rowing" summary is equally meritorious, while "Our Van" is mostly taken up with Brighton during the race-week, reserving, however, for a final paragraph, the strong expressions of its disgust at the shabby conduct of the Tyne men in the late match for the championship. "Our Van" driver has a full sense of the demerits of their case, and we endorse his sentiments fully. The other contributions are a further chapter in the history of "Frank Raleigh of Watercombe," the continuation of "Recollections of Mr. Thomas Coleman," and some "Reminiscences of Mr. Henry Wood's Beagles," together with a short biography of Major General Mark Wood, whose portrait embellishes the number. If the contributions are not many as regards number, they exhibit, all of them, a very high degree of merit, and fully justify a statement we have made before that *Baily* is always a welcome visitor.

We have noted, among other contributions to the *Leisure Hour*, a brief biographical sketch by Dr. John Rimbault of Professor John Hullah, an article by Canon Rawlinson on "Early Civilisation," and an account of "The Great Hailstorm in Oxfordshire, on 9th August, 1843." This is one of the most terrible storms on record as having visited this country, the amount of damage done having been very considerable. The story is told very graphically. In another part we find a sixth in the series descriptive of "The Border Lands of Islam," Bulgaria, where so many scenes of violence have recently been enacted, being the subject. Then there are some very characteristic letters of Lord Palmerston's. Some "American Caricatures," relating to the Colonies before and towards the close of the War of Independence, are very curious, and there is a very full description of "The New General Post Office." "Queensland" forms the subject of another article, and in another is given an account of "A Trip to Java." The "Natural History Anecdotes," the "Antiquarian Gossip on the Months," and "Weather Proverbs" will be found as attractive as ever. We give the following, anent the strange old custom at Easter, of "lifting" or "heaving," quoted from vol. i. of the *Book of Days*. A grave clergyman "happened to be passing through a town in Lancashire, and having to stay an hour or two at an inn, was astonished by three or four lusty women rushing into his room, exclaiming they had 'come to lift him.' 'To lift me?' repeated the amazed divine, 'what can you mean?' 'Why, your reverence, we've come to lift you 'cause it's Easter Tuesday.' 'Lift me because it's Easter Tuesday? I don't understand you! Is there any such custom here?' 'Yes, to be sure; why, don't you know? All us women was lifted yesterday, and us lifts the men to-day in turn; and, in course, it's our rights and duties to lift them.' After a little further parley the reverend traveller compromised with his fair visitors for half-a-crown, and thus escaped the dreaded compliment."

The principal features in the *Sunday at Home* are again Dr. Stoughton's series of papers on "Westminster Abbey," and a continuation of another series on "Welsh Preaching and Welsh Preachers." Mrs. Finn contributes a third article on "Agriculture in Palestine." We have noticed also some interesting particulars of "The Jewish New Year, or the Feast of Trumpets," and an equally interesting sketch of "Queen Pomare and Tahiti."

We have received Part I. of the *Countries of the World*, a new serial publication by Messrs. Cassell, Petter, and Galpin. The Editor is Dr. Robert Brown, late President of the Royal Physical Society, Edinburgh, and with the memory of his able conduct of the *Races of Mankind*, we have no doubt whatever that this new illustrated work will prove a great success. The illustrations are of a better class than usual, while the literary matter has been collated from authentic sources, and is well put together, in the form of a highly interesting and very readable narrative. We are fully sensible of the earnest efforts of Messrs. Cassell and Co. to place a high class literature within easy reach of all classes of readers, and we heartily congratulate them on the auspicious commencement of this latest periodical work of theirs. We have every reason to believe that the *Countries of the World* will prove a highly acceptable addition to our current literature.

The distinguishing features of *Cassell's Family Magazine* are

beyond all praise. "My Holiday Walking Tour, and How I Managed It," is appropriate to the season, especially when there are still many tourists who are anxiously wondering how they shall best employ their holiday. "A Family Doctor" instructs those who need such instruction, "How to Cure Nervousness." Those who need the information are favoured with a few valuable wrinkles, "How to make Jams and Preserves," and there is some sensible advice in the paper on "Art Furniture and Decorations for Home Use." "How to Cook a Hare" is a subject we are not all of us acquainted with. The light thrown upon this important domestic question will prove invaluable to the housewife and the cook. There are many who know well enough "How to become a Solicitor." At least they evince their knowledge of a solicitor's business by asking in season and out of season. The solicitor, however, in this case is known likewise as an attorney, and those who are inclined to study this branch of the law, will no doubt derive immense profit from a study of the paper bearing the title we have quoted. "Chit-chat on Dress" we commend to the notice of our lady readers, and the frontispiece, "My Little Treasure," to all lovers of art.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Devon was held on Thursday, at Southmolton, the Right Worshipful the Rev. John Huyshe, M.A., P.G.C., Provincial Grand Master, presiding. There was a very large gathering of brethren, the three towns being largely represented. The following officers were present:—

P.G. Officers, Bros. L. P. Metham P.G.D. D.P.G.M., W. G. Rogers P.G. Secretary, Rev. W. Whittle G. Chaplin, W. S. Pasmore G. Treas., H. H. Haycock S.G.D., S. Willoughby G.S.B., D. Attwood G. Pur., S. Jones P.P.S.G.D., V. Bird P.P.G.T., J. Brown P.P.G.P., H. M. Body P.G.S., J. Gould P.G.D.C., H. C. Diston P.G.C., J. Wood P.P.A.G.D.C., Rev. T. W. Lemon P.P.G.C., S. B. Colston P.G.S., S. Chapple P.P.A.G.D.C., J. Edwards P.P.G.O., C. Leigh P.P.G. Secretary, T. B. Harvey P.P.G.D.C., J. B. Gover P.P.G.D.C., F. H. Woodforde P.P.S.G.W. (Somerset), J. Mills P.P.G.O., P. D. Michelmore P.G.S., W. H. Elphinstone P.P.J.G.W., J. G. Shanks P.P.J.G.W., J. Harper G.G.S., J. Tanner-Davey P.S.G.W., W. Cole P.P.G.P., J. Way P.P.G.T., D. Attwood P.G.P., W. R. Woodman P.G.S.B. England, J. Edwards P.P.G.O., Rev. T. Russell P.P.G.C. Oxon P.J.G.W., C. J. Harland P.P.J.G.D., W. H. Barker P.G.R., J. Dand P.P.G.S.B., W. Oram P.P.G.D.C., B. Stark P.P.G.O., J. H. Tonkin P.G.S., J. M. Hifley P.P.G.A.D.C., L. E. Westcott P.P.G.S. Wks., W. Browning P.P.G.D.C.

I.P.M.'s, Bros. R. G. Bird Secretary 1550, J. Rendle Secretary 1247, J. G. Johnson 1402, T. Higgs 106, J. Murch 1099, W. E. Warren 1358.

P.M.'s Bros. T. Goodall 954, E. Roseveare 1099, J. May 223 and 159, D. Watson 328, S. Loram 1443, W. Knott 372, G. T. Barry 248, F. J. Pratt 1396, W. T. Pilditch 156, J. J. Drake 1396, J. Hill 251, J. Hancock 251, C. Godtschalk 1255, J. T. Shapland 421, W. H. Gilman 1099, H. Woodgate 847, A. Lethbridge 159, J. T. Widgery 421, J. A. Kingdon Treas. 421, J. F. Long 59, J. E. Curteis 189, R. B. Twose 105 and 1550, R. Lake 1135, W. J. List 251, W. Britton 251, T. Elsworthy 251, R. H. Watson 710, W. H. Brewer 251, E. Furse 421, W. F. Quicke 39, G. Evans 1181, A. Thomson 39, W. Manning 421, W. Haynes 106, G. F. England 1332, J. Orchard 161, J. P. Phillips 223, J. Baxter 954, H. Cole 1091.

W.M.'s, J. L. Towing 372, E. Hawke 159, W. H. Terrell 202, E. Tozer 112, J. Gould 1099, B. Barber 1254, G. S. Richardson 1212, S. G. Hearle 1255, J. C. Fly 1247, F. Day 421, H. Stork 1396, C. Edmonds 444, H. W. Thomas 70, J. Pigott 328, W. E. Williams 1125, D. Box 156, J. H. Toms 1091, J. Rowe 1332, J. B. Royers 1550, W. Harries 1205.

S.W.'s, Bros. J. W. Avery 156, J. H. Stephens 159, H. Bailey 202, H. Sharland 1125, J. G. Bickle 1212, W. S. Walter 1099, W. H. Rickard 954, W. Boyle 251, J. Woodman 444.

J.W.'s, Bros. T. Gibbons 1205, J. Andrews 159, R. Marshall 202, J. Read 847, H. H. Arnold 1009, J. R. Dugdale 954, R. P. Morrison 251, B. J. Fisher 444, J. Stocker 39, W. G. Lacey 106, W. Hearder 105.

The Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous Lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary, Bro. Rogers P.P.G.S.W., read the report, which showed that there are 46 Lodges in Devon, with 2,350 members. The report was very favourable, inasmuch as the whole of the Lodges had made their annual returns, and £268 6s 6d had been received.

The Treasurer, Brother Pasmore, read the financial report. This showed the receipts for the year to be £473 14s 1d. Out of the money received, £52 10s had been given to the Devon and Exeter Hospital, £105 5s to the Fortescue Annuity Fund, £26 5s to the Masonic Boys' School, and 10 other gifts to relatives of deserving brethren, £61. These amounts, with sundry expenses in working the Province, left a balance of £170 14s 3d in the hands of the Treasurer. The Fortescue Annuity Fund showed that £256 4s 11d had been received, and £262 2s 5d expended, leaving a balance due to the Treasurer of £5 17s 6d.

Brother Gover read the report of the Committee of Petitions, which presented the most favourable aspect yet shown.

In addition to the £31 voted at their last meeting, they had that day relieved four applicants,—two widows £5 each, one widow £10, one brother £20.

During the year they had succeeded in securing the election of one candidate to the Girls' School, one aged Mason and two widows to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The Committee feel that their thanks are eminently due to the W. Bro. C. Godtschalk, for his energetic and very successful management, in London, of the various elections on behalf of the Province during the past year.

While thus eulogizing a deserving brother, the Committee would be ungrateful if they did not record on their minutes the expression

of their deep regret at the loss the Province has experienced by the death of the M.W. H. Dubosc, who had for some time acted zealously and judiciously on behalf of the Province at the various elections in London.

As a proof of his Masonic zeal, it may be mentioned that Bro. Dubosc had no less than fifty votes in his own right. Their thanks were also due to Bro. H. J. Dubosc, who had thoroughly identified himself with the Province; had largely contributed to the London Charities, and had assisted the committee in other ways.

Bro. J. E. Curteis proposed the sum of £100 be given to the R.M.B. Institution. He spoke of the admirable management of that Institution, and alluded to the charges, brought by a section of the brethren of West Yorkshire, against the directorate of the Boys' School. He called on Bro. Chas. Godtschalk to second the proposition, and to give detailed information and figures in reference to what the Institution was doing for the Province.

Bro. Charles Godtschalk, in offering a few remarks in support of the proposed grant of £100 said, Did the available funds of Provincial Grand Lodge warrant it, he should ask and support a grant for a much larger amount. The brethren had heard, from the Report of the Committee of Petitions, what the R.M.B. Institution was doing for the Annuitants of the Province; it was out of all proportion to the support given to the Institution by the Province. It would be well to place before the brethren the actual figures, for which he could vouch. He had obtained them through the courtesy of the able Secretary of the Institution, Bro. James Terry. Bro. Godtschalk then showed, clearly and distinctly, every penny received by the province through its annuitants, male and female, for the last financial year. He contrasted against this the entire sum given by the Province to the Institution during the same period, this showed that the Province had 46 Craft Lodges and 24 R.A. Chapters, independent of the other orders in Masonry. He then proceeded to analyse the Stewards' lists for the same year. These showed a result against the Province to a considerable amount. He was sure that these figures had but to be known to be at once altered. Every brother present would not only feel it his duty, but his pleasure, to assent to this grant, which would be merely an act of justice, considering that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution existed only from hand to mouth, that it possessed no rich endowments, had no large amounts from funded monies, but owed its very existence to voluntary subscriptions from our provinces, and individual benevolence. He urged that if an important province or section of our Order take largely in excess of what they were giving, the Institution must collapse. The brethren had heard, through the Committee of Petitions, that every vote coming into their hands had been utilised, that this had been their most successful year; in fact, the Province got more than value for their votes; by profitable exchanges and loans, by reserving their strength, by not throwing away more votes than was necessary to carry a candidate. If the brethren would follow the figures of the Committee of Petitions, read by their Secretary Bro. Gover, they would find the highest candidate of some provinces this year had been carried by 500 or 600 more votes than our candidate had received, and yet we had been successful. This result spoke for itself. He was sure the Province would maintain the high character it had always borne, that it would not fall from its high estate. He therefore asked them to unanimously support the proposition which he was proud to second, viz.: That One Hundred Pounds be given by this Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This was put to the vote and carried with acclamation.

This vote exhausted the available funds. Bro. Gover, however, stated that he had pledged a certain sum for the Boys' Institution, and he asked the brethren to draw a little upon their future receipts and grant a sum of £10 10s, whereupon the Venerable Provincial Grand Master said that such a course would be unnecessary, as he would himself give the ten guineas. This announcement was received with great applause.

The following were the appointments:—Bros. L. P. Metham, D. Prov. G.M., P.G.D. England, J. E. Curteis, 189, Prov. Grand S.W., J. Harper, 251, Prov. Grand J.W., H. M. Body, 1332, Prov. Grand S.D., Charles Godtschalk, 1255, Grand J.D., Rev. H. Lansdale, 421, Rev. Noel Plate, Chaplains, J. J. Avery, 1550, Treasurer, F. Day, 421, Registrar, W. G. Rogers, 112, re-elected Secretary, S. B. Colston, 248, Grand Sup. Wks., J. A. Orchard, 164, D.C., J. H. Tonkin, 282, P.G.A.D.C., P. D. Michelmore, 1138, P.G.S.B., W. Quicke, 39, P.G.O., W. Haynes, 106, P.G. Pur. Stewards:—Bros. D. Watson 328, G. Evans 1181, F. J. Pratt 1396, J. T. Goodridge 1358, J. P. Phillips 223, C. Stribling 70, J. May 159.

At the request of the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Metham, delivered a very impressive oration to the brethren, which, we hope, will soon be printed and distributed in all the Lodges of Devon.

At the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the Province of North Wales and Shropshire, held at Wrexham, under the presidency of the R.W.P.G.M., Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., the post of R.W.P.G.M. was again conferred upon Sir Watkin: and, in place of the late Lord Harlech, Bro. Bulkeley Hughes M.P., was elected Deputy P.G.M. The members then went in procession to the parish church, where Divine service was held, and a sermon preached by P.G. Chaplain the Rev. A. L. Taylor.

## ALEXANDRA PALACE.

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## THE ADMISSION OF VISITORS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

29th August 1876.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I see in your impression of 26th August, under the heading of "The Admission of Visitors," three questions propounded. I should like you to insert the following remarks, which, I trust, are consonant with the true spirit of Masonry and common sense:—

Question I. "Whether a brother who is properly vouched for \* \* \* can claim the right of admission." I hold that if a brother seeking admission to a Lodge "can be vouched for by any brother present as a true Mason," and "no other brother present can urge anything against the character or habits of the applicant," he can claim, as a brother, admission to the Lodge "while at labour."

Question II. Whether a brother who is personally known, recommended, or can prove himself \* \* \* because he presents himself minus his certificate.

I hold that if a brother is known to any members of a Lodge so recommended by any, this is tantamount to vouching for his identity and Masonhood, unless anything is known against him he should be admitted; there would, in this case, be no need of a certificate.

2ndly, If a stranger applies for admission, and duly satisfies his examiner, but comes minus his certificate, the case resolves itself into two issues: 1. Are the W.M. and the examining brother satisfied that the applicant is a bona fide Mason, and that he is honestly seeking admission as a true brother? and are they satisfied in their own minds that the reason given for the want of certificate or diploma is honest and true?

I consider this a matter for the W.M. to decide on his own responsibility.

To take the broad view of Masonry, "a brother who can prove himself such," is entitled to the same privileges and good offices as another who is well known to yourself."

Since, however, the constitution of Grand Lodges, and the greater diffusion of the Craft, diplomas or certificates have been issued to all Masons regularly entered on the Grand Lodge books, and should be produced by every brother seeking admission to a Lodge as a visitor. The constitutions of Grand Lodge England seem to bear out my views, so do the constitutions of Grand Lodge Scotland. There is, however, a *lex non scripta* that diplomas should be produced.

This may seem a paradox, but if I understand it aright, it simply means that the constitutions, or rather the compilers thereof, do not wish to fetter the judgments of W.M.'s and examining brethren, and to relieve stranger brethren from much inconvenience.

Why, then, should diplomas be demanded? and why should discretion be left to the W.M. or the Lodge? Diplomas are necessary to prove that the stranger brother has been initiated, passed, and raised in a duly constituted Lodge, *Just, Perfect, and Regular*. I regret to have to say so, but there are undoubtedly spurious Lodges irregularly constituted wherein members are enrolled and taught Masonry; therefore diplomas should be demanded. Why should there be any discretion left? simply because many cases might occur of hardship. I heard of an officer in India who in action lost his baggage and with it his regalia and Grand Lodge diploma—a brother might lose his diploma by fire or theft, or he might be wrecked; it is not easy in all cases to get a duplicate diploma.

Question III. If in dealing with visitors a discretionary power \* \* \* the Lodge or the W.M.? I hold that in all cases of difficulty the discretionary power rests with the W.M., who is responsible to his Lodge. It is always in the power of the W.M. to consult his Wardens, or the Lodge generally, but, as ruler and responsible agent, the W.M. must ever decide all questions of difficulty, guided by the Constitutions and Landmarks of Masonry, and the Bye-laws of his Lodge.

I remain, Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

GEO. R. HARRIOTT, of Killimore,

P.G.M. Wigtown and Kirkcudbright.

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Fife.

## COLOURED FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to ask, through the medium of your estimable journal, if, in the course of his varied Masonic studies, Bro. Hughan has lighted on any evidence of value, which may throw further light on the early events connected with the history of this troublesome question. Prince Hall is said to have been initiated, with thirteen other coloured men, in a travelling Lodge attached to one of the Regiments of the British Army, then stationed in Boston, early in 1775. Is he aware of any evidence that will substantiate this, and also the further statement made by Prince Hall, in his letter of application for a Charter to Grand Lodge (Moderns) of England, that the Lodge had been founded some years

If he can throw any light on these and other points, connected with the first so-called Coloured Lodge, he will be doing some service towards the settlement of a vexed question. I do not ask for the purpose of extracting an opinion he may feel it unwise or inexpedient to give. I do so, because I consider he is the likeliest man in England to furnish this information.

My name and Masonic standing are at Bro. Hughan's disposition, in order to satisfy him of my *bona fides*.

Yours fraternally,

NIMIUM NE CREDE COLORI.

## THE LATE BRO. FARNFIELD AND GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been asked so many questions with respect to Bro. Henry Greene's motion in Grand Lodge to grant an annuity to my mother, that I think it only fair to state through the medium of your paper that the notice of motion was given without any previous communication with my mother, brothers, or myself, and therefore, of course, without our sanction.

At my earnest request the notice was not renewed, as I am both able and willing to supplement the income left by my late father, so as amply to provide for my mother and sisters.

Bro. Greene knows, and it is therefore almost unnecessary to state here, that we are deeply sensible of the good feeling which prompted him to act as he has done in the matter.

By inserting this letter you will greatly oblige,

Yours fraternally,

J. A. FARNFIELD.

## A. AND A. SCOTTISH RITE IN NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

VERY DEAR BROTHER,—As an honorary member of the Grand Orient of Egypt, permit me to explain that the *Thames Advertiser*, of New Zealand, is in error as to a Craft Lodge being chartered by the Egyptian authorities of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite" for Dunedin; and the warning of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, with respect to the same, are quite needless. No such Lodge has been warranted for Dunedin, as your correspondent refers to. It is true that a Warrant has been granted by the Supreme Council of Egypt 33° to New Zealand to constitute a Supreme Council for that country (Egypt being the nearest Body working that rite), and that the Warrant mentions the *first, second, and third* degrees, as is usual in such cases. The brethren, however, to whom the 33° Warrant is granted, are most intelligent and honourable members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the chief officer of the Supreme Council 33° of New Zealand so established is our respected Brother William Caldwell, Grand Superintendent for New Zealand under the Supreme Grand R.A. Chapter of Scotland.

To suppose that these brethren had any intention of illegally working the Craft degrees would be to believe they were capable of violating their obligations! Indeed, so strongly do the brethren feel the imputations cast upon them by the Masonic authorities in Scotland, that Brother Caldwell has resigned his office as Grand Superintendent of R.A. Masons, and the notice of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, unless withdrawn, will only serve to hasten the birth of an Independent Grand Lodge for New Zealand, unless, as it is likely, the more generous rule of the Grand Lodge of England is preferred.

The Supreme Council 33° of Scotland was not, we believe, regularly warranted by any legal 33°, or the officers thereof would know of the custom to include the 33° in such a charter. The Supreme Council 33°, however, never works in the three first degrees in any part where a Grand Lodge has jurisdiction, unless in such a country as France, in which both bodies claim authority, coequally, over the Craft, although we think the Craft Grand Lodge has the best of the argument. I should state that the Supreme Council 33° of Egypt granted the Warrant for 33° of New Zealand, free of any charges whatever. The Grand Orient of Egypt (Craft) has no connection with the Supreme Council 33° of Egypt any more than such bodies are connected in this country. The Grand Lodge of England has lately recognised the Grand Orient of Egypt, and its career is bound to be happy and prosperous.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN,

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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

ON Thursday of last week was held the annual gathering of the Braemar Royal Highland Society. It was expected that the Queen and all the other members of the Royal Family now sojourning in the Highlands would have been present to witness the sports which take place on this occasion. But the weather was unpropitious, and the Queen and Princess Beatrice were absent. The Prince and Princess of Wales and their two boys, as well as Prince Leopold, drove up about two o'clock, the Princes wearing the Royal Stuart tartan, and remained for some three hours, highly interested spectators of the games. The Farquharson and Duff Clansmen and some of the Kincardineshire Volunteers, numbering, in all, about one hundred and fifty, and headed by their pipers, had previously assembled. The sports consisted of throwing the hammer and stone, jumping, running, dancing, and bagpipe-playing. In addition to the Royal Party, there was a large and fashionable attendance, including Colonel Farquharson, the Earl of Fife, Viscount Cardwell, the Marquis of Huntly, and Mr. Goschen, M.P. The Volunteers and Farquharson Highlanders were afterwards entertained at dinner by Colonel Farquharson, and the Duff Highlanders by the Earl of Fife. The usual ball followed. It is announced that the Prince of Wales, with a numerous party, will attend the approaching Doncaster Races, arrangements having already been made, and two private boxes, adjoining the Noblemen's Stands, secured for the reception of the distinguished party. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught reached Vienna on Sunday night, and was received by the Imperial Crown Prince Rudolf and Sir Andrew Buchanan, our ambassador. The object of His Royal Highness's visit is to witness the Austrian Military Manœuvres.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday. There was a numerous attendance, and the motion of Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, for a Committee to take into consideration the best way of commemorating the Grand Master's visit to India, was carried unanimously, two amendments, one by Bro. Philbrick, for the inclusion of other high officers of the Order, and the second by Bro. Captain Curteis, of the Province of Devon, that the Provincial Grand Masters be added to the list having previously been accepted and given effect to in the resolution. Full particulars of this and the other business transacted will be found elsewhere.

Sportsmen, these latter days, have not been highly favoured in respect of the weather. Partridge shooting commenced on Friday of last week, except in parts of the country where the ingathering of the harvest is not yet complete. The general tone of the reports from various parts of the country points to a capital season, and on the opening day several good bags were made in Surrey, Kent, Leicestershire, Norfolk, Worcestershire, and other districts.

The excitement about the atrocities committed by the Turks is on the increase. Meetings are being held in various parts of the country, and resolutions expressing the deepest indignation at the cruelties practised by the Turks on the Christian population of their provinces are carried by enormous majorities. Mr. Gladstone has issued a pamphlet, and will meet his constituents to-day at 3 p.m., and, no doubt, in Monday's paper we shall read a spirit-stirring speech by the right honourable gentleman. It seems, beyond all doubt, that the grossest barbarities have been committed, and that a terrible sacrifice of life have accompanied them. It is needless to say we have no sympathy whatever with the ruffians who have been guilty of these atrocious acts. But as the *Pall Mall Gazette* very properly points out, the people of this country must not allow sentiment to take the place of statesmanship. The task our Government has before it is hard enough in all conscience

without people making it even harder still by playing the "little game," which Russia, notably of our great European rivals in Empire, has been pursuing steadily throughout. Righteous indignation is a very glorious thing to witness, but indignation and statesmanship have nothing in common with each other. Seeing what the policy of Russia in regard to the Eastern Question has always been, seeing that had she not encouraged the earlier aggressions on Turkish authority, the crisis might have been, if not avoided, at least determined long since, the people of this country will act wisely if they abstain from doing anything that may hamper the free action of Her Majesty's ministers. Already, as our contemporary points out, since these public meetings have been held, shoals of Russian officers have been pouring into Servia, and fighting against the Turks. Russia only wants an excuse to take the field against her ancient enemy, and the people of England seem likely to afford her the occasion. It is easy enough to talk of kicking the Turk out of Europe, but in our righteous indignation at the cruelties he has practised, we must not entirely overlook the interests of the British Empire.

Great Yarmouth has long been one of our most popular sea-side resorts, and on Tuesday the number of its attractions was increased by the opening of a large Aquarium, erected close by the Britannia Pier, on a site granted by the Town Council to the Aquarium Company Limited, on lease for 999 years at a yearly ground rent of £60. The building includes a restaurant, a skating-rink, and reading and assembly-rooms, in addition to the Aquarium proper, which occupies the basement of what is intended to be a large concert hall. It has an area of 190 feet by 90 feet. There are eighteen tanks arranged on each side, varying in length from 17 feet to 50 feet, and in width from 5 feet to 15 feet. At each end of the Aquarium is a pond, and rockwork covered with ferns, over which falls a cascade. The utmost care has been taken in the internal arrangements, and especially for circulating water, filling and emptying the tanks, and isolating any one or more of them, if necessary. The cost thus far has reached the sum of £35,000. The opening ceremonial was of a very simple character. Lord Suffield, chairman of the board of directors, was met by the contractors, builders, and others, and having traversed the building, formally declared it open. Luncheon followed, Lord Suffield presiding, and being supported by the Mayor of Yarmouth, and Sir E. Lacon, M.P. We wish the Aquarium Company all prosperity.

Native rowing talent appears to have carried nearly all before it at the Centennial Regatta, Philadelphia. We are sorry to learn, however, that a dispute has arisen, originating in an appeal by the London Rowing Club four against the Beaverwyck four on the ground of a foul. The umpire, a Mr. Brown, disallowed the appeal, on which the London men declined to take further part in the regatta, though some among them were entered for the pairs and sculls, unless Mr. Brown withdrew from the umpireship.

A sad accident, by which four lives were lost, occurred on Wednesday, by the fall of a newly-erected railway arch in the city. This arch or tunnel, over a passage known as Cavendish-court, hard by Devonshire-square, was part of the Metropolitan Extension in course of construction between Bishopsgate and Aldgate. The props had been removed, and the roadway laid with gravel, when a man with a horse and cart were about crossing, and the whole structure fell in with a crash. Happily the man and horse sustained no injury, but some ten men, who were engaged in constructing a sewer underneath the tunnel, were immediately buried beneath the *débris*. Every effort was made to extricate the poor fellows, but with partial success only. Three were found to be so severely injured that they were taken and admitted into the Metropolitan Free Hospital, Commercial-street. Two others had their hurts dressed, and were sent to their homes. After a time the bodies of their four companions were discovered and extricated from the ruins, but life was extinct in every case, and they were removed to the mortuary, pending the usual coroner's inquest. Two of these poor fellows were married, and leave families behind them. Messrs. Lucas and Aird, the contractors, evinced the greatest anxiety for the injured, as did the railway officials, all doing their best to alleviate their sufferings. The extension was to have been ready for opening by December, but this calamity may involve some delay.

The British Association is now in session at Glasgow, the opening meeting having been held on Wednesday.

The General Committee met at 1 p.m., under the presidency of Sir John Hawkshaw, when the minutes of last year were confirmed, and the accounts, a statement of which showed a balance of over £900 to the good, passed. The officers for the meeting were then appointed, Dr. Thomas Andrews, of Belfast, being elected President, and the Duke of Argyll, the Lord Provost of Glasgow, Sir W. Stirling Maxwell, Bart., M.P., Professor Sir William Thompson, Professor Allen Thompson, Professor Ramsay, and Mr. J. Young, Vice-Presidents. The new President subsequently delivered his inaugural address, and a vote of thanks to Dr. Andrews, proposed by the Duke of Argyll and seconded by Sir William Thompson, brought the proceedings of the first day to a close. Yesterday the various sections commenced their labours.

The Bicyclists and the St. Albans coach have been at loggerheads. Two of the former, named Gee and Mitchell, recently took out summonses for assault against the driver, F. Parsons, and guard, H. Cracknell, of the latter, and the case was heard on Wednesday, before the Edgware magistrates in petty session, cross-summonses by the defendants to the above having also been taken out. After a careful investigation of all the circumstances, the Bench decided against the driver and guard, and sentenced the latter to pay a fine of £5 and costs and the former £2 and costs. The cross summonses were dismissed. Coaches and bicycles are both popular, nor see we any just cause why the two should not be able to find plenty of room on our highways without squabbling with or incommoding each other. Bicyclists will do well to give horses, especially if they are at all spirited animals, as wide a berth as possible, and stage coach drivers and guards must not fling iron balls at, or lash the shoulders of bicyclists, to whom the Queen's highway is as open as to any other of Her Majesty's lieges.

It seems our Jack-tars have been engaged in a small scrimmage some miles up the Niger. Our present relations with the natives on this part of the West Coast of Africa are the reverse of friendly, and ere long we may have on hand another of those little wars, of which Great Britain has an almost endless succession. The cause of the expedition we are referring to is not apparent, but whatever it was, our ships seem to have destroyed several villages, and greatly frightened the natives. Not without slight loss, however; for in one place three officers and three men were wounded, and in another a marine was killed and eight men wounded. A part of our force under Commander Bruce was landed, and it was among these the above casualties occurred.

Since last week the progress of the struggle between Servia and Turkey has been undoubtedly in favour of the latter. The Turks appear to have experienced some reverses, but the effect must have been hardly worth noticing, for their generals, who are said to have displayed a considerable amount of strategy, slowly but surely brought up their troops and advanced against the Servian stronghold of Alexinatz, where General Tcherniaieff held command of the chief army. From the very vivid description, given by the *Times*' correspondent, of the battle that took place on the 1st instant, it is manifest the Servians were no match for their assailants. A portion of their artillery appears to have done good service, but a regular stampede occurred among the infantry, and with a little more energy upon the part of the Turkish commander there was nothing to have prevented him occupying Alexinatz the evening of the same day. The Turkish approach, as we have said, is slow, and they are said to be under apprehensions that Alexinatz is undermined in all directions. Since then, however, telegrams have been received, to the effect that the Turks have occupied the place, while the main Servian force is at Deligrad. An advance on, and the probable capture of, Belgrade, are also among the rumours that reach this country. Meantime Russian officers, under cover of the Red Cross of Geneva, are pouring into Servia and acting, it is said, as though Servia were a part of the Russian Empire. At Berlin the belief prevails, in well-informed circles, that a Russo-Turkish war is unavoidable. Meanwhile Turkey, who is said to have a force of 350,000 men under arms, is bestirring herself in the direction of Montenegro. There are reports of a severe engagement having been fought, but with what result is not known. However, the main interest of the struggle lies in the direction of Servia, and there, no doubt, the issue of the war will be decided. If Belgrade falls, and with a new Sultan on the throne, who is not a madman, the chances

should be favourable to an early restoration of peace. Our Government is said to be untiring in its efforts to bring about this desirable consummation, and we trust, for the sake of all Europe, their efforts may be successful.

The following, which appeared in the *Standard* of Tuesday, needs no comment whatever. "Madrid, Monday. All the foreign and native Protestant missions, chapels, Bible societies and schools have received to-day an order from the Home Office to take down before sunset all the external signs, placards, inscriptions, and every visible sign of faith. The parties interested have protested to their respective Embassies." We merely ask is there a connection between this latest instance of Spanish religious intolerance and the return of the Ex-Queen Isabella? We have said that Her Ex-Majesty, if not exactly the pattern of domestic and queenly virtue we should select for imitation, has ever been remarkably attached to the religion of her fathers; and we know that in Spain this kind of attachment means hostility to all other faiths.

We are indebted to *Le Monde Maçonique* for the following interesting items of news:—

The Grand Orient of Italy has granted Constitutions to ten new Lodges situated in the Orients of Capua, Naples, Viterbo, Castellamare, Mineo, Prato, Bari, Giurgevo, and Bucharest.

On the 15th March, the three Lodges at Rome, the Chapter of Rose Croix, several members of the Grand Consistory and Grand Orient met together for the purpose of celebrating the anniversary of the foundation of the Masonic Temple at Rome. Bro. Joseph Petroni presided, and the duties of Orator were fulfilled by Bro. Ulysse Bacci, who delivered a most excellent and appropriate oration, in which occurred the following admirable passage:—Prudence demands that Freemasonry should close its doors against those who are neither worthy nor capable of fulfilling our difficult mission, who offer no proof whatever of the nobleness of their hearts, of the loftiness of their sentiments, of the manliness of their character. The Lodge is the school in which a man should perfect himself; and inasmuch as that perfection can in no wise be acquired without serious and unceasing care, the most important duty of our Lodge is to render the character of its members as perfect as possible.

The National Grand Orient of Spain has appointed Bro. the Marquis de Seoanne to the dignity of Grand Mater, in succession to Bro. Calatrava deceased.

The *bulletin official* of the National Grand Orient of Egypt contains a decree of Grand Master Zola, announcing the definitive constitution of the Supreme Council of Egypt and its dependencies, conformably with the patents of Constitution issued (1) on 13th December 1871 by the Supreme Council of Palermo, and Bro. R. Scarrozze, who has foregone the rights accruing to him under that document in favour of the Grand Orient of Egypt, and, (2) on 31st December 1875 by the Grand Orient of Spain. Bro. Beauregard is appointed Lieutenant Grand Commander. The same Grand Orient has just constituted a new Lodge—the first in Upper Egypt—at Manfalud, under the title of Ibraimia, and ranking No. 15 on the roll of Lodges.

The *New York Square* announces that the Grand Lodge of Mississippi has in contemplation to establish a Masonic Asylum and Industrial School.

From the same source we learn that the Supreme Council 33°, for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, met at the Kane Lodge Rooms on the 15th ult. M. Josiah H. Drummond the P. Sov. Gr. Commander, presided. The attendance was very numerous, and included representatives of the Supreme Councils of New Granada as well as of the Southern jurisdiction of U.S. The President's address was delivered in part on the opening, and part on the following day. On the third day of the session the election of officers for the next three years was held. The day following the session closed.

The *Masonic Advocate* (Indianapolis) announces that since the last communication of Grand Lodge there have been issued by the Grand Master dispensations for the establishment of four new Lodges, on the 6th June, and 12th, 13th and 18th July respectively.

## Old Warrants.

We invite the co-operation of our readers to enable us to complete the series of "Old Warrants" of the "Ancients," and we furnish, for their guidance, a list of Lodges, formerly under that Grand Lodge, whose Warrants we desire to print. The London Lodges are given in one list, and the Country Lodges in another, for facility of reference.

Frequently a transcript of the Warrant prefaces the By-Laws of the Lodge, so that a copy of the latter would answer our purpose as well as a written transcript.

We have already received so many congratulations and testimonies as to the value of this series of "Old Warrants," that we are anxious to prosecute our labours, provided we are kept furnished with the necessary materials, and we therefore urge upon the Craft the desirability of responding to our invite as soon as possible.

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| 30—United Mariners | 192—Lion and Lamb    |
| 34—Mount Moriah    | 193—Confidence       |
| 49—Gihon           | 194—St. Paul's       |
| 63—St. Mary's      | 198—Percy            |
| 65—Prosperity      | 201—Jordan           |
| 73—Mount Lebanon   | 205—Israel           |
| 87—Vitruvian       | 211—St. Michael's    |
| 90—St. John's      | 212—Euphrates        |
| 95—Eastern Star    | 217—Stability        |
| 101—Temple         | 222—St. Andrew's     |
| 141—Faith          | 227—Ionic            |
| 142—St. Thomas     | 228—United Strength  |

### Country Lodge Warrants wanted.

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| 24—Newcastle-upon-Tyne              | 156—Harmony, Plymouth             |
| 31—United Industrious, Canterbury   | 158—Adams, Sheerness              |
| 32—St. George's, Liverpool          | 164—Perseverance, Sidmouth        |
| 36—Glamorgan, Cardiff               | 168—Mariners, Guernsey            |
| 38—Union, Chichester                | 169—Temperance, Deptford          |
| 40—Derwent, Hastings                | 175—East Medina, Ryde             |
| 47—Newstead, Nottingham             | 178—Antiquity, Wigan              |
| 50—Knights of Malta, Hinckley       | 184—Lodge at Old Brompton         |
| 53—Royal Sussex, Bath               | 196—Albion, Barbadoes             |
| 54—Hope, Rochdale                   | 199—Peace and Harmony, Dover      |
| 62—Social, Manchester               | 200—Old Globe, Scarborough        |
| 68—Royal Clarence, Bristol          | 204—Caledonian, Manchester        |
| 74—Athol, Birmingham                | 207—Kingston, Jamaica             |
| 76—Economy, Winchester              | 209—Etonian, Windsor              |
| 79—Pythagorean, Greenwich           | 210—Duke of Athol, Denton         |
| 80—St. John's, Sunderland           | 213—Perseverance, Norwich         |
| 81—Doric, Suffolk                   | 214—Hope and Unity, Romford       |
| 98—St. Martin's, Burslem            | 215—Commerce, Haslingden          |
| 104—St. John's, Stockport           | 216—Harmonic, Liverpool           |
| 107—Philanthropic, King's Lynn      | 218—True and Friendship, Calcutta |
| 110—Loyal Cambrian, Merthyr Tydvil  | 220—Harmony, Garston              |
| 113—Unanimity, Preston              | 221—St. John's, Bolton            |
| 115—St. John's, Gibraltar           | 224—Atlantic, Bermuda             |
| 117—Salopian of Charity, Shrewsbury | 225—St. Luke's, Ipswich           |
| 119—Sun, Whitehaven                 | 226—Benevolence, Littleborough    |
| 125—Prince Edwin's, Hythe, Kent     | 229—Humanity, Calcutta            |
| 128—Prince Edwin's, Bury            | 232—Marine, Calcutta              |
| 146—Antiquity, Bolton-le-Moors      | 233—Prince Alfred, Bermuda        |
| 147—Justice, Deptford               | 234—Anchor and Hope, Calcutta     |
| 149—Peace, Meltham                  | 239—Friendly, Kingston, Jamaica   |
| 151—Albany, Newport, I. of W.       | 243—Loyalty, Guernsey             |
| 153—Inhabitants, Gibraltar          | 244—Yarborough, Guernsey          |
| 155—Perseverance, Liverpool         | 245—Mechanic's, Guernsey          |
|                                     | 246—R. Union, Cheltenham          |
|                                     | 247—Union, Demerara, S.A.         |

The General Assembly of the Grand Orient of France will meet on Monday next, at 9 a.m. Our contemporary *le Monde Maçonique* announces that no specially important question will occupy the attention of the assembly. The accounts will be examined, questions standing over from the last session will be determined, and the vacancies in the Order, caused by the retirement of one third of its members, will be filled up.

## ADDITION TO THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

## LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE.

IT will be in the recollection of our readers that, at the Quarterly General Meeting, in the spring of this year, it was resolved, on the motion of Lieut.-Colonel Creaton, to extend the Girls' School, so as to admit of the number of pupils being increased to just over two hundred, the sum to be expended in constructing the necessary additional premises being set down at a little short of £10,000. Accordingly, on Thursday, the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new wing was held, the officiating brother being, very appropriately, Lieut.-Colonel Creaton himself, who, not only in this instance, but likewise throughout his Masonic career, has evinced so deep an interest in the welfare of this and our other Institutions. On the whole, the day was propitious, and accordingly the various committees assembled in great strength to do honour to so interesting an event. Everything, indeed, passed off most satisfactorily, and we beg to offer our heartiest felicitations to Bro. Creaton and the other brethren who so ably supported him in the success of the day's proceedings.

The various committees, together with their visitors, and headed by the servants and children of the Institution, having proceeded to the platform, there met the architect and others engaged in the erection of the building. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, at the request of the Senior Trustee, assumed the post of Master Mason for performing the ceremony, and having approved of the position selected for laying the stone, requested the Secretary to read the document to be deposited in the cavity, which he then handed to the Solicitor, who placed it, together with the coins, &c., in its proper place. The inscription on the plate having been read, it was placed in the cavity, and the Master Mason announced his readiness to assist the operative masons in their labour. The trowel was then presented, and the cement having been laid, the Chaplain read a short prayer, which was followed by an anthem, during which the stone was lowered, and the Lewis freed. The architect presented the various tools to the M.M., who tested the stone with each, and declared it properly set. The drawings were afterwards inspected and pronounced satisfactory. Corn, wine and oil were then sprinkled on the stone by members of the Committee, and the Treasurer deposited some money for the workmen. The blessing of Heaven having been invoked on the future operations, the children sang a hymn, which closed the proceedings. The brethren present afterwards sat down to a slight repast, presided over by Lieut.-Col. Creaton, who proposed the "Queen." This having been duly honoured, he gave the "Prince and Princess of Wales," the latter of whom he hoped to see in due time open the new building, when completed, and then, "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." It was, he said, with great pleasure he met so many who had interested themselves in the charity. He was glad to see the Secretary back among them, and hoped the improvement in his health would be lasting. Bro. Little said it was often he had to respond for the toast of the Girls' School, but it gave him especial pleasure on this occasion; not even ill health would lessen the interest he took in the Institution. Thanks to the liberality of the Craft, it only required energy to get together a very large amount. Bro. Tomkins, Treasurer, proposed the health of the chairman, who he said was always ready to devote his time and attention to the good of the School.

"The Ladies," especially those connected with the Institution, having been honored, some other toasts were given, after which the brethren adjourned to the School-room, where some pianoforte recitals were given, and songs sung by the pupils, who finished up a very pleasant evening with dancing. The appearance of the pupils, and everything connected with the Institution, was in its usual style, and we consider the praise bestowed on Miss Jarwood, Miss Davis, and those who work with these ladies, very well deserved.

The plate bore the following inscription:—

"Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, St. John's-Hill, Battersea-Rise, S.W. This, the foundation stone of the buildings to be erected in extension of the above Institution, was laid by the Chairman of the Building Committee, W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel John Creaton P.G.D., Vice-Patron and Trustee, on Thursday, the 7th September 1876, in the presence of the Committees of the said School. Bro. Thomas Massa, architect, Bro. C. Fish, builder. Building Committee—The Treasurer and Trustees, Bro. John Boyd P.G.P., Henry Browse P.G.D., Henry A. Dubois, Benjamin Head P.G.D., Peter De Lande Long, Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B., Lieut.-Col. James Peters, John A. Rucker P.G.D., Griffiths Smith P.G. Steward, Alfred H. Tattershall, Rev. Joseph M. Vaughan, Thomas W. White P.G. Steward. R. Wentworth Little Secretary."

Accompanying this was the same inscription rendered into Latin by Bro. H. C. Levander M.A., a member of the Audit Committee, and which Bro. Little also read, as follows:—"Hunc Lapidem fundamentum novum ædificii adjuncti scholæ pro filiabus Latomorum institutæ solemniter more positum coram ædium curatorem præses Fratrum ad hoc opus conficiendum delectorem Johannes Creaton, præfectus Militaris, hujus Collegii propatrons et Fiduciarius. Die Jovis A.D. VII. Idus Septembris, Anno Salutis MDCCCLXXVI. Præsentibus etiam Thoma Massa, Architecto, Carolo Fish, Redemptore, Roberto Wentworth Little Scribâ, Aliisque Fratris Delectis."

FORWARDED, FOREARMED.—In a question of such vital importance as the preservation and restoration of health, every possible means of effecting those objects should (when disease threaten, or when, unfortunately, it has established itself) be known and at hand. Holloway's Pills may safely be relied on for rectifying all disorders of the digestive apparatus, for removing all obstructions, for purifying circulation, and for regulating its distribution through the body. By these effects all febrile attacks are warded off, and all inflammatory disposition quickly subdued. By mending imperfect digestion, and instituting order throughout every organ, Holloway's Medicine has proved itself the best preventative of headache, neuralgia, gout, rheumatism, indigestion, liver complaints, renal disorders, diarrhœa, dysentery, and, consequently, choleraic tendencies.

The West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, which will hold its meetings at the Market Hotel, King-street, Snow-hill, Smithfield, will be consecrated on Thursday next, the 14th inst., at half past 2 precisely. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, will perform the ceremony; he will be assisted by brethren eminent in the Order. The following are the officers designate: Bros. J. Smith P.G.P. W.M., T. A. Adams S.W., G. S. Elliott J.W., and Bro. F. Walters is the Secretary pro tem.

We have received copy of the Report of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company for the half-year ended 30th June last. The financial statement it contains is eminently satisfactory, and the shareholders are to be congratulated on having so able and energetic a Board of Directors. We cite, in evidence of this assertion, the proposal that will be submitted to the ordinary General Meeting, which will be held on the 21st inst. The profit and loss account amounts to £10,643 18s 3d. £1000 of this having been carried to the Reserve Fund, the Directors will recommend that £9,088 5s be devoted to paying the following dividends, namely: "at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on the Preference Capital; at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum on the Ordinary 7 per cent. Capital; at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum on the Original Capital; at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum on the Converted 7 per cent. Capital; and at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum on the Converted 10 per cent. Capital; all less income-tax." This will leave a sum of £555 13s 3d to be carried forward to the profit and loss account for the next half-year. The further particulars are equally interesting. The contingent fund account shows a balance of £10,000 equivalent to £10,652 9s 3d New Three per Cents.; the reserve fund, a balance of £4,272 12s 4d; the insurance fund, a balance of £1,074 18s 11d. The paid up capital is little short of a quarter of a million sterling—actually £249,632. The total expenditure has reached £219,699 16s 10d, leaving a balance on capital account of £29,932 3s 2d, or, in round figures, just £30,000. The revenue account for the half-year exhibits a total receipt of £44,605 10s 10d, composed of rental £34,586 4s 5d, proceeds of residual products £9,542 1s 6d, and sundries; against a total expenditure amounting to £34,452 12s 3d, of which the principal items are £29,112 16s 11d for the manufacture and distribution of gas, £1,316 18s 2d for rents, rates, and taxes, and £2,401 4s 4d for management, the balance of profit for the half-year being £10,152 18s 7d. The only remark we need offer on such a statement is, that the directors must have fulfilled their duties admirably.

The friends of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be glad to hear that Dr. Morris, the Head Master, succeeded in getting three boys through at the last Oxford Local Examination as "Associate in Arts," viz.—

W. Beaumont (aged 16 August 26th 1876.)

R. Bryant (aged 16 January 27th 1877.)

W. R. Parker (aged 16 February 4th 1878.)

Dr. Morris began the Oxford subjects after the Christmas holidays, and had less than four months in which to prepare his scholars for the special work required of the senior candidates for this examination. The Cambridge Local, the Science and Art, and the Oxford Local Examinations, all came within the first nine months of Dr. Morris's appointment to the Head Mastership.

In order to convey to our readers some idea of the system of work that prevails in French Lodges, we extract from the "Chronicle" in the latest issue of *le Monde Maçonique*, the following particulars:—

Lodge *l'Avenir*.—Consideration of the relations between Capital and Labour. Essay on Morality. Debate by Bros. David, Collineau, Sineau, and Lopin.

Lodge *La Clémentine Amitié Cosmopolite*.—Newly initiated brother's impressions of Freemasonry.

Lodge *Isis Montyon*.—Consideration as to what are the conditions of individual and social progress from a material, intellectual, and moral point of view?

Lodge *l'Union Maçonique*.—Essay on Franklin, by the Orator of the Lodge.

Lodge *La Prévoyance*.—Eulogium on Franklin, by Bro. Chemalé. A speech on Commerce, by Bro. Auclair.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c. as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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## SATURDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1556—Addiscombe, Greyhound, Croydon.  
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.  
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.

## MONDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER.

45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Square, Clerkenwell, at 8. (Instruction.)  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End Road. (Emergency.)  
68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.  
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.  
569—Druids' Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.  
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.  
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.  
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.  
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
1611—Eboracum, Micklegate, York.

## TUESDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
167—St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.  
863—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.  
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.  
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.  
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.  
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.  
K. T. 101—Ancient Ebor, Masonic Hall, York.

## WEDNESDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart College-street, Lambeth.  
193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
228—United Strength, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-rd., N. at 8. (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—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
231—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.  
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.  
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
R.A.—693—St. Woolos, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.

## THURSDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER.

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.)  
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.  
1321—Emblematic, Tulso-hill Hotel, Tulso-hill.  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1623—West Smithfield, Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill. (Consecration at 2.)  
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.  
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.  
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.  
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.  
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.  
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.  
1098—St. George's, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.  
1204—Royal's, Belle Vue Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.  
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.

## FRIDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER.

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

## SATURDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER.

108—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W.  
516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.  
R. A. 586—Elias de Dereham, Masonic Hall, Salisbury.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

## MONDAY.

296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.  
R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.

## TUESDAY.

495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.  
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.  
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.  
1545—Baildon, Angel Inn, Baildon.  
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

## WEDNESDAY.

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.

## THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.  
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.  
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

## FRIDAY.

1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.  
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.  
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

## SATURDAY.

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

## DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

## MONDAY.

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

## TUESDAY.

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

## WEDNESDAY.

661—Fawcett, Masonic Hall, North-road, Seaham Harbour.  
R. A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

## THURSDAY.

97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland.  
R. A. 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-road, Stockton-on-Tees.

## FRIDAY.

541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.  
TUESDAY—1—Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.  
WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate, Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.  
R. A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.  
THURSDAY—8—Journeymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.  
FRIDAY—R. A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

## GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—102—St. Mark's, St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
" 204—St. Paul, Whip Inn, Ayr.  
" 205—Garthland St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Loch Winnoch.  
" 219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.  
" 362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.  
" 384—Athol, Washington Hotel, Kirkintilloch.  
" 403—St. George, Odd Fellows' Hall, Holensburgh.  
" 541—Marie Stewart, Freemasons' Hall, Crosshill, Glasgow.

TUESDAY—R. A. 60—St. Andrew's, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.  
" 177—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, Coatbridge.  
" 230—St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hotel, Old Cumnock.  
" 406—St. John's, Dalziel, Freemasons' Hall, Motherwell.  
" 413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
" 419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.  
" 426—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Renfrew.  
" 441—Glasgow, 21 Struthers-street, Glasgow.  
" 543—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Dalmuir.

The G.M., Sir M. S. Stewart, will lay the Foundation Stone at Greenock. 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY—R. A. 113—Partick, School-room, Douglas-street, Partick.  
" 178—Scotia, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.  
" 279—St. Mungo, Loudon Hotel, Mauchline.  
" 333—St. George, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
" 510—Maryhill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill.

THURSDAY—R. A. 50—Glasgow, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
" 88—New Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.  
" 109—St. Marnock, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.  
" 290—Blair Dalry, White Hart Hotel, Dalry. 7 p.m.  
" 570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.

FRIDAY—306—St. Thomas, 90 Wellgate-street, Larkhall.  
" 321—St. Andrew, Public Hall, Alexandria.  
" 360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.  
" 403—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

SATURDAY—305—St. John's, Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.  
" 512—Thorntree, School Room, Thornliebank. 7 p.m.  
" 524—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, East Kilbride. 6 p.m.  
" 541—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Bank-street, Coatbridge. 7.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—This Lodge held its first weekly meeting of the season on Monday, 4th inst. at Bro. Gay's, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, E.C. Present—Bros. Percy W.M., Killick S.W., Powell J.W., Saul S.D., Hill J.D., Crawley I.G., Christopher Tyler; P.M. Bro. Beckett Preceptor. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pilbeam candidate. The W.M. worked the 1st 2nd and 3rd, and Bro. Beckett the 4th and 5th sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Killick was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Industry Lodge, No. 48.**—The above Lodge held its regular meeting, on the 28th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Gateshead-on-Tyne, Bro. E. D. Davis P.G.D.C. (Northumberland) acting as W.M., D. Sinclair S.W., J. G. Waddington J.W., J. Cook P.M. as S.D., W. Whitfield J.D., G. Wood I.G., R. Terry Organist, E. Little Junior Steward, J. Curry Tyler, and Past Masters Robson, Ridsdale, Blinkinsop and P. Smith. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Robson P.M. then conferred the second degree, and one brother was raised to the third degree, by Past Master E. D. Davis, in a solemn and impressive manner. On the proposition of Bro. Robson P.M., it was determined to have a picnic, and a Committee was appointed to fix the date and to carry out the necessary arrangements. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The visitors were Bros. Ridsdale P.M. 406, P. Smith P.M. 541, Blinkinsop P.M. 541, J. J. Bell 406, and S. M. Harris J.S. 406.

**St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 69.**—Held an emergency meeting in St. Clair Hall, Glasgow, on Saturday, 2nd Sept. at 4 p.m., which was well attended both by members and visitors; amongst the latter we recognised Comps. Wheeler Z., Balfour S.E., and Jenkinson of 73, McGregor and Smith of 117, Fraser and Bruce of 119, J. S. Scott

Z., J. O. Park P.Z., and J. Gunn T. of 122. Comp. T. M. Campbell Z. presided, and opened a Mark Lodge, with J. O. Park as S.W., W. Harper J.W., J. Fash S.E., R. Prout S.N., John McInnis Deacon. T. Ramsay O.G. At the request of the Principal, Comp. G. W. Wheeler advanced Bros. J. Wallace and W. Pinkerton, both of the Clyde Lodge, to the Mark Degree. A Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was then opened, when the same two brethren, along with Bro. John D. De Guest of 69, and Bro. Angus Nicholson of 73, received that degree at the hands of Comp. Campbell, G. W. Wheeler acting as conductor. The Chapter was then opened, Comp. T. M. Campbell Z., Wm. Harper H., G. W. Wheeler J., J. Balfour Scribe E. of 73 as 1st Sojourner, J. O. Park 2nd Sojourner, J. McInnis 3rd, when the four new Excellent Masters were duly exalted to the Arch. Comp. Wheeler on behalf of 73 thanked the Chapter for exalting their member. Comp. Campbell said the Chapter was much indebted to Comps. Wheeler and Balfour for the excellent service they had rendered, and also to Comp. J. O. Park for officiating in the first part.

**Thistle and Rose Lodge, No. 73.**—Held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 5th inst., Bro. G. McDonald, the R.W.M., presiding, Bro. A. McLeod S.W., J. Handbridge J.W. Bro. George McEwan was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft in a very careful manner by Bro. W. B. Pattison. The R.W.M. having brought forward the case of a widow who had formerly been relieved by the Lodge, but was unable to obtain anything from the Grand Lodge, as her late husband, an English Mason, had not been registered in Edinburgh, the Lodge again voted a sum for her relief as her husband had been an Officer of the Lodge.

**St. Mungo Encampment of K.T.**—The regular meeting was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on 5th Sept. Sir Knight R. Bell E.C., J. O. Park D.C., G. W. Wheeler Preceptor, J. Campbell Master. A petition from Comp. F. Jenkins, of Chapter 73, was presented, and he was duly created and dubbed a Knight of the Temple by the E.C.

**St. Mirren's Lodge, No. 129.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, 4th inst., in their own Hall, Mass-street, Paisley. The Lodge was opened by Bro. H. S. Edmonds R.W.M. assisted, by Bros. A. McLeod I.P.M., J. Busted D.M., Wm. Gemmell S.W., G. Fisher J.W., P. Blar Treas., A. Macpherson P.G.T. Sec. There was a very large attendance of the brethren, and as visitors G. W. Wheeler 73 and G. Mason of 124, Kilmarnock. On the reading of the minutes, a question arose as to the protest of the S.W. against the action of the I.P.M., which on being referred to the R.W.M. he decided that the I.P.M. while presiding in his absence was invested with all the power that he himself possessed. He felt sure of this as soon as he heard of the circumstances, and this opinion had been confirmed by that of the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, who had been written to by a member of the Lodge on this point of Masonic Jurisprudence. The S.W. said he would bow at once to the decision of the Chair, and apologise to the I.P.M., as he had been under a misapprehension at the time he spoke. The J.W., as the party principally aggrieved, hoped the noble and brotherly conduct of the S.W. would be fully appreciated by the Lodge, and the matter be thus settled. Bro. McLeod fully accepted the admission, as it was now stated to be only an error of judgment. Arrangements were then made for sending deputations to Greenock on the 12th, and to Ayr on the 19th inst., when the Grand Master is to lay foundation stones in both those boroughs. The Lodge was then placed under the care of the J.W., and the brethren spent a couple of hours in a social manner. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, the R.W.M. gave "English Masonry," coupling with it the name of Bro. Wheeler, who was an English as well as a Scotch Mason. Bro. Wheeler replied. The toast of the "Visiting Brethren" was acknowledged by Bro. Mason, of Kilmarnock. Bro. Wheeler then proposed "Prosperity to St. Mirren's Lodge, No. 129," and paid some well merited compliments to the Master and Officers in general for the excellent style of their work, and for which it was so well known throughout the province. Bro. Edmonds in replying, said he was proud of the Lodge, but he was only reaping the fruit that had been sown by their old Past Masters. All that he hoped for was to maintain it in as good a state as he had received it; he was glad to hear the encomiums bestowed on them by Bro. Wheeler, as from his position in Masonry and his connection with the press praise from him was doubly valuable.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday, the 2nd of September, at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. Powell W.M., Halford S.W., Killick J.W., Main S.D., Macarthy J.D., Read I.G., Percy Preceptor. Business—The Lodge having been opened in the usual manner, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Huggins candidate. Several sections of the first lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Halford was elected W.M. for the next meeting. We are pleased to see this Lodge of Instruction again at work.

**Union Lodge, No. 332.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, the 4th inst., at 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, Bro. McKirdy R.W.M. presiding, he was well supported by the brethren, with Bros. J. B. MacNair I.P.M. and Balfour P.M. P.G.D. of C. One candidate was initiated by the R.W.M.

**Clyde Lodge, No. 408.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on 1st September, in the Masonic Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

Bro. Harper R.W.M. presided, and congratulated the Lodge on the amount of work they had done (they having held two emergency meetings) during his absence from town. With Bro. McInnis, his Deputy, and such P.M.'s as Bros. Gordon and T. M. Campbell, he knew it had been well done. Bro. Campbell acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Prout, R.W.M. of 4, having requested the Lodge to raise a brother for him, the request was at once acceded to, and Bro. Campbell P.M. performed the ceremony in a very effective manner.

**Clydesdale Lodge, No. 556.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting, the 5th September, in their own hall, Rose-street, Glasgow. The R.W.M., Bro. Phillips, was well supported by his principal office bearers and a large number of the brethren. The work consisted of one raising, which was performed by Bro. Phillips in his usual careful manner.

**Dramatic Lodge, No. 571.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Wednesday, the 6th Sept., at 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow. In the absence of Bro. Dobson, Bro. Wm. Phillips R.W.M. of No. 556 acted as R.W.M.; Bros. L. Mitchell S.W., Wm. Sievwright J.W., G. Wheeler acting as Secretary, Wm. Barbour Treasurer, Thos. Hay I.G., J. B. Hardie Tyler. Visitors Bros. Addan 333, J. McInnis D.M. 408, Wheeler 73, Horn 512, Oliver 360. Bro. Andrew M. Smith was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by Bro. Oliver, S.W. of 360.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—The regular weekly meeting of the above Lodge took place at Bro. Allen's, "Royal Edward," Triangle, Hackney, on Tuesday, 5th September. Bros. Brown S.W. of 1227 W.M., Barker 860 S.W., Perrin W.M. of 1056 J.W., Weige 860 S.D., Williams 1056 J.D., King 1056 I.G.; P.M. Crawley Preceptor, and Worsley Secretary; also Bros. Dallas 1254, Smith 860, Johnson 860, Cambridge 15, Hogarth 1107, P.M. Ashburner 1278, Horsley 933, and Webb 174. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Johnson acting as candidate. Bro. W. J. Smith worked the 1st section of the lecture, and Bro. Horsley the 2nd, 3rd and 5th, in his usual excellent style as questioner. Four new members joined the Lodge, viz., Bros. Baxter 1003, Perry 1110, King 1056, Cook 1056. Bro. Barker was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Webb, 174, announced that the 15 sections will be worked by Bro. Horsley, 933, at the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, held at the "Hercules" Tavern, Leadenhall, City, on Thursday, the 28th of September. We doubt not there will be a good muster on that occasion as Bro. Horsley is so excellent a worker of the sections. We are glad to say that the Preceptor of this Lodge, Bro. P. M. Wallington, will be in his place on Tuesday evening next, having returned from the country, where he has been for the benefit of his health. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned till Tuesday, 12th September.

**Star Lodge, No. 1275.**—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. There was a numerous attendance of the brethren. Bro. J. Limebeer W.M. occupied the chair; he was supported by the Wardens and officers. The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted, showing the prosperous state of the finances of the Lodge. The W.M. raised Bros. J. Turnbull and C. Bibra. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. H. J. Green S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge. He was installed by the retiring W.M., who rendered the ceremony in an excellent manner. Having received the customary salutations Bro. Green invested his officers: Bros. R. W. Williams S.W., C. W. Williams J.W., J. Smith P.G.P. P.M. re-invested as Treasurer, F. Walters P.S.G.W. Middlesex P.M. re-invested as Secretary, Rev. G. R. P. Colls re-invested as Chaplain, W. B. Woodman (W.M. 1559) S.D., W. Kipps J.D., E. W. Chetwynd I.G., A. Tisley D.C., S. Marketis Steward, E. W. Gilbert Tyler. The concluding addresses were given by Bro. J. Smith. The newly installed W.M. then showed the brethren his proficiency by initiating Mr. Leonard Van Boolen. The newly initiated brother proposed his father, Bro. Mark Van Boolen, late of Mount Lebanon Lodge, Massachusetts, U.S.A., as a joining member. His father had been a Mason for forty years, and it was particularly gratifying for him to see his son initiated into Freemasonry. Several propositions were handed in, and the Lodge was closed until the 1st December. The brethren then sat down to a banquet, where the W.M. presided. He proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, including those of the Wardens, P.M.'s, Officers, and Visitors. These were duly responded to. During the evening a very elegant gold Past Master's jewel, with suitable inscription, was presented to the retiring W.M. for the zeal and ability displayed by him during his occupation of the chair. The musical arrangements of the evening were very satisfactory; they being under the superintendence of Bro. W. Kipps. The Tyler's toast was given, and brethren separated. Among those present were Bros. W. Ough P.G.P., C. J. Hogg P.G.S. P.M., H. Keeble P.M., W. E. Williams, J. S. Leaper, T. Gilloch, C. Marr, E. H. Dye, W. P. Tong, E. Searle, L. H. Williams, E. W. Hubbock P.G.S. P.M., J. G. Marsh P.P.G.P. Middlesex, F. R. Vine P.M. 173, G. T. Fox P.M. 73, T. Schmidt P.M. 127, C. J. Rushworth W. M. 1309, C. F. Poupard W.M. 1446, W. Hilton P.M. 780, C. W. Wise, P.M. 1158, T. Parker P.M. 34, F. B. Williams 162, T. Sutton 102, W. Gibbs 1538, Jacob Levi 188, A. M. Thomas 134, J. Barford 173, &c.

**Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.**—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Tuesday at the Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville-road, Bro. Jas. Willing junior in the chair. He was ably supported by Bros. Side as S.W., Scales J.W., Page

S.D., Fowler J.D., Cox I.G. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. Willing rehearsed the ceremonies of initiation, passing and raising. He received the thanks of all present. Bro. Side was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed till the following Tuesday.

**Hemming Lodge, No. 1512.**—In no district, probably, is Freemasonry, in the strictest sense of the word, in a more flourishing condition than at Hampton. Besides two Lodges in full working order at the mother village, there are also five at Hampton Court, one at New Hampton, while we hear there is a likelihood of yet another being established very shortly at Hampton Wick. The Hemming is not yet two years old, but since the last regular meeting, in March, there have been four Emergencies, and the number of members now exceed forty. On Thursday, the 31st ult., Messrs. Thos. Phillips, Errington, Finch, and Murphy were duly initiated into the Order by the W.M. (Bro. Hopwood), who also raised Bros. C. V. J. De Fernex and Andrews to the sublime degree, vacating the chair meanwhile in favour of Bro. W. Hammond I.P.M., who passed Bro. Dr. Hill to the F.C. Bro. Bernard Sharp P.M. 84 and 168 was unanimously elected a member. At the conclusion of business the brethren adjourned to supper. The cloth being removed, the W.M. gave "the Queen" and "the Initiates," Bro. Murphy responding for the latter. Bro. Geo. Wm. Martin then rendered "Good-bye, Sweetheart, Good-bye," in a manner which deserves more than a passing compliment. Bros. Hurst and Walls also contributed to the harmony of the evening, and Bro. Ockenden delivered the charge of the first degree. Present—Bros. E. Hopwood W.M. and P.M. 141, W. Hammond I.P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., S. Hill P.M. S.W., J. Hurst J.W. W.M. elect, John Hammond P.M. Secretary, T. C. Walls acting Deacon, J. C. Jessett I.G., T. W. Ockenden D.G., and G. Phillips, Moody, Hunt, Hiscox, Bond, Kent, Chilcott, Knowles, &c. Visitors—Bros. G. W. Martin P.P.G.O. Berks, Geo. Güterbock 173, Robert Martin 201 and C. R. Fitt 205, Brooklyn. The installation of Bro. John Hurst will take place on Thursday, 19th October next.

**Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607.**—This Lodge held its first regular meeting on Saturday last, 2nd Sept., at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell-hill. Bro. John Newton W.M. presided, and was ably supported by his officers. There were also present, as visitors, Bros. J. Bellerby P.M. No. 65, Macrae Moir P.M. No. 66, and Bro. Brain J.W. No. 1471. Bros. Wyatt, Beedell and Knill were passed to the second degree. The Lodge was then closed, after which the brethren sat down to an elegant banquet, provided by Messrs. Bertram and Roberts.

## THE DRAMA.

### The Coming Dramatic Season—Prospects and Announcements.

**S**IGNS of the commencement of the dramatic season are multiplying daily, and within another week a very considerable number of houses will have opened their doors.

The LYCEUM season commences on Monday next, with English Opera, under the management of Mr. Carl Rosa. A strong company has been engaged, and an attractive programme is announced, the operas promised being *The Lily of Killarney* (Benedict), *Fidelio* (Beethoven), *Joconde* (Isouard), *Pauline* (F. H. Cowen), *Giralda* (Adam), *The Flying Dutchman* (Wagner), and *The Water Carrier* (Cherubini). The last named work is the one announced for the first evening's performance. The HAYMARKET THEATRE re-opened last Saturday, for a short summer season, the commencement of the regular winter season there being fixed for the 2nd October. During the week Mr. John S. Clark has been delighting his admirers in two of his favourite impersonations, Dr. Pangloss, in the *Heir at Law*, and Major Wellington de Boots, in *The Widow Hunt*. On Monday, the long deferred production of Mr. Gilbert's new play, *Dan'l Druce*, is announced to take place; but it would appear that a long run is not anticipated, or the piece would hardly be produced at the fag-end of a summer season. This evening, the COURT THEATRE re-opens for a short season, under the management of Miss Helen Barry. The pertinacity with which this lady presses forward her pretensions to be considered an actress is worthy of a better cause. In the present instance her appearance will be in a new and original four act drama, entitled, *Ethel's Revenge*; and she will be supported by a company including Miss Rebecca Isaacs, Miss Hughes, Mr. Edmund Leathes, and Mr. Kelly. The CRITERION THEATRE is also stated to commence its season this evening, but the only change in the programme of the house consists in the return to his old part in *The Great Divorce Case* of Mr. Charles Wyndham. On Monday, the GLOBE opens for the regular season, under the management of Mr. Edgar Bruce, when Miss Jennie Lee will resume her admirable impersonation of the poor crossing sweeper *Jo*, in Mr. Burnett's most interesting play. Yet another theatre is announced to re-open next Saturday, and that is the QUEEN'S. This house has passed through numerous vicissitudes, and it is not so very long since an announcement was made that its career as a theatre was ended. It is now, however, about to enter upon a new lease of life, and Shakspeare's *Henry the Fifth* has been chosen for the re-opening performance. Mr. Coleman, the manager of the theatre, will himself sustain the title rôle, and he will be supported by Messrs. Phelps, Ryder, Mead, Reginald Moore, and Mesdames Leighton and Fowler.

A few of the theatres have had no *relâche* at all, but have kept open doors during the entire summer, in spite of a continuance of

heat almost unprecedentedly severe. Amongst these we may mention the ADELPHI, the STRAND, the VAUDEVILLE, the CRITERION, and the GAIETY. At the last mentioned house, the programme has been frequently changed, the present bill of fare comprising a comedy entitled *The Bull by the Horns*, and a burlesque of the well-worn type, entitled *Little Don Caesar de Bazan*, both from the pen of Mr. Byron. To say that the comedy is at the same time witty and inconsequential, is to say no more than that it is the work of Mr. Byron. *The Bull by the Horns*, however, must be pronounced less witty and more inconsequential than the majority of this writer's productions. To give the plot of the piece would be to exhibit its weakest part, the characters are absurdly exaggerated, the motives by which they are actuated are ridiculously inadequate, and the entire production savours more of burlesque than comedy. Of *Little Don Caesar* it suffices to say that the piece is neither much better nor much worse than Mr. Byron's other burlesques, and that the acting, particularly that of Messrs. Royce and Terry, is exceptionally good.

Of the remaining theatres, DRURY LANE is announced to open on the 26th of this month, with *Richard the Third*, interpreted by Messrs. Barry Sullivan, Sinclair, and others; the OLYMPIC is expected to revive *The Duke's Motto*, the PRINCE OF WALES'S will produce a new version of *Nos Intimes*, and the LYCEUM, on the conclusion of the present English Opera season, will revert to the Bateman-Irving management, and continue the series of Shakspearian revivals.

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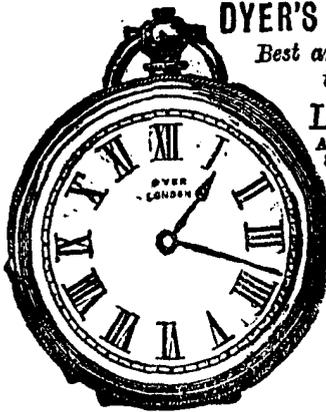
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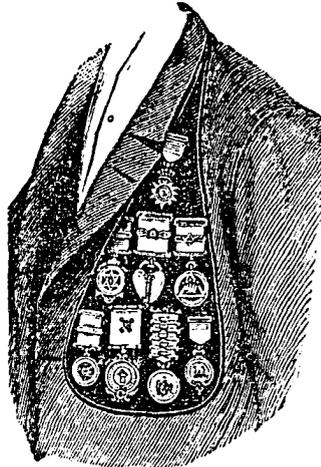
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