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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. Col. Creaton V.P., Vice-Patron and Trustee, in the chair. Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, Secretary, read the minutes of the various committees, with the reports, which were adopted. Pursuant to notice of motion, Colonel Creaton, the Chairman of the Building Committee, received authority to sign cheques for payment in connection with the new buildings. It was proposed by Bro. Colonel Creaton V.P., and seconded by Bro. R. W. Stewart, that in consideration of the services rendered by the Collector, Bro. H. Muggeridge, for upwards of twenty years, he be awarded a retiring pension of £150 per annum. This was also carried. The Chairman, in appropriate terms, announced the result to Bro. Muggeridge, who, on entering and retiring, received a perfect ovation. All present wished he might be spared for many years. Bro. Muggeridge was overpowered by emotion; and the Chairman kindly told him he would be excused from replying. A discussion then took place with regard to the notice of motion by Bro. R. W. Stewart, that the office of Collector be not filled up, but an additional Clerk be appointed to assist the Secretary. The Secretary explained the duties and emoluments of the office. Several brethren having spoken on the subject, Bro. J. Smith proposed, and Bro. H. M. Levy seconded, that a committee be appointed, to consist of nine brethren, to discuss the matter and report thereon at a Special Court. This was carried. The names of the brethren to be appointed were then proposed. A ballot then took place for the purpose of electing eight girls into the Institution from a list of thirty-six candidates, with the following result:—

No. on Poll.	NAMES	Votes forward	Votes to-day	Total
1	Swain, Frances Amy ...	—	1687	1687
2	Horn, Lucy ...	156	1237	1393
3	Turner, Beatrice Lilian ...	—	1386	1386
4	Lewis, Maria ...	—	1333	1333
5	Ansell, Minnie Sarah ...	410	908	1318
6	Armitage, Florence ...	—	1277	1277
7	Hothersall, Matilda Mary ...	—	1249	1249
8	Lapington, Fanny Elizabeth ...	27	1209	1236

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Chairman and the scrutineers.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday last, Bro. J. Symonds V.P. in the chair. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S., Secretary, read the minutes of the last Quarterly Court, and of the several committee meetings, which were confirmed. It was then moved and seconded that three additional boys be admitted. This was carried. Bro. R. W. Stewart, P.G.D., then proposed the election of a trustee of the General Fund in the room of Bro. Alexander Dobie (deceased), and named Bro. Capt. J. Wordsworth for that office. He was one eminently qualified to fill it. He had come from Leeds, at his own expense, more than twenty times during the past year, to

further the objects of the charities, and he was sure they could not find a brother more worthy. This was seconded by Bro. S. Rawson, D.G.M. China, and carried, amidst expressions of satisfaction. The chairman, in informing Bro. Capt. Wordsworth, fully endorsed the remarks of the proposer and seconder, and trusted their worthy brother's health might be spared for many years. Bro. Capt. J. Wordsworth, in expressing his thanks, said he would do all in his power for the benefit of the Institution. He hoped shortly to see a Preparatory School erected. In furtherance of that object, he should be pleased to place his name down for 100 guineas. The election of fifteen boys, instead of twelve, from the approved list, by ballot, then took place, with the following result:—

No. on Poll.	NAMES	Votes forward	Votes to-day	Total
1	Chandler, Robert Stanley ...	1073	935	2008
2	Clark, Herbert Ernest ...	763	1219	1982
3	Tanare, James Edgar ...	1247	667	1914
4	Date, William Horton ...	802	935	1737
5	Parkes, Henry ...	—	1683	1683
6	Hothersall, William Henry ...	—	1623	1623
7	Whalley, George Oliver... ..	521	1027	1518
8	Allison, George Randall ...	765	745	1510
9	Leyshon, Herbert Henry ...	1009	512	1521
10	Bourne, Arthur Richard ...	819	671	1490
11	Quelch, Alfred Christopher ...	911	511	1452
12	Nash, Samuel Godfrey ...	364	1011	1375
13	Service, Stanley, Heppell ...	577	779	1356
14	Hair, Edwin	—	1336	1336
15	Beck, William	229	983	1217

Bro. Meggy demanded a scrutiny on behalf of a candidate, —H. P. Wisby. The law relative to the subject was read, and the matter referred to the committee to determine upon. Bro. W. Snow then proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be awarded the scrutineers for the able manner they had discharged their arduous duties. This was seconded by Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. Somerset, and carried unanimously. Bro. Meggy proposed, and Bro. Vockins seconded, a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was responded to.

COLOURED FREEMASONRY.

WE have no intention of embarking in a controversy on this question. In a recent article we explained our views at considerable length. Since then we have been favoured with a communication from our esteemed Bro. Jacob Norton. His arguments, though occasionally exhibiting a certain bitterness of tone, are fairly stated. But nothing that he has said in the course of his very elaborate article is likely to alter or even modify in the slightest degree the decision we have come to, that the so-called Coloured Lodges are not recognisable by the United Grand Lodge of England. But though we have no mind to plunge into an interminable, and probably after all, a fruitless discussion with him, we are anxious to point out to our contributor that none of the facts he has stated in any wise invalidate the views we have laid down.

We dismiss, in the first place, as being unworthy a moment's consideration, the question of colour. We are happily in a position to divest our minds entirely of all prejudice on this point. We have never, indeed, experienced, nor are we likely to experience, any such feeling. We have already said that we speak of these as coloured organisations, because they are so described by our American brethren. But the colour of those who compose

them is to us a matter of indifference. We see no objection whatever to there being Negro Masons, any more than to there being Mohammedan or Hindoo Masons. It would never occur to us to suggest that these American coloured Masons should be denied admission into our Lodges on the ground they are negroes. We view the matter from a purely legal standpoint, and Bro. Norton must excuse us for repeating that nothing he has urged has, in our opinion, been able to shake the arguments we have stated.

Bro. Norton lays his chief stress on the legality of the Constitution of African Lodge. We set this aside, as being wholly impertinent to the issue. We said it was no business of ours to prove the legality of their Lodge, and that we cheerfully left that duty to the care of the African Grand Lodges themselves. Nor have we the slightest intention of running our heads against a brick wall; or to put the matter more artistically, perhaps, of attempting to disprove what we believe to be indisputable, namely, that as concerns the formal propriety of the application made by Prince Hall and his brethren to our Grand Lodge Moderns, and the due formality of the charter issued by that Grand Body, we see not the slightest objection to the legality of the status of African Lodge. Our point is that taking the whole of the circumstances of the case, not only in the light we see them in now, but as they were seen by the Americans of those days, the issue in 1784 of the charter constituting African Lodge a Lodge of Masons was *ultra vires* on the part of our Grand Lodge Moderns, and the American State Grand Lodges are perfectly justified in deciding that these coloured Masonic Grand Lodges are illegal in their origin. And this being the case—at least in our judgment—we are unaware of any single circumstance that has happened since Prince Hall began working under his English charter which can make amends for the original illegality. Were it indeed our business to pursue this part of the discussion further, we might, perhaps, be able to enumerate one or more circumstances which rather strengthen the initial vice of these organisations. But our purpose is not to provide new material for controversy, but simply to point out to Bro. Norton and those who may agree with him the exact nature and limits of our arguments as already stated. These we are desirous of repeating briefly on this occasion.

It was inevitable that when the United States achieved their political independence of Great Britain, Masonic independence should, sooner or later, follow. It may be quite true that neither of the English Grand Lodges, at the time we are referring to, recognised this as a necessity; but it is very certain—to mention only the case we referred to in our former article—that a letter has recently been published, by authority, bearing date, Marietta, Ohio, 5th May 1791, in which it is stated that, “since the war, the Masonic bodies in the different States” had “considered themselves independent of Europe.” This, be it remarked, is not given as the expression of an opinion. We are told without any qualification whatever that, when the war ended, the Masonic bodies in the United States considered themselves independent of Europe. In the same important document it is announced, quite as clearly and emphatically, that when other Lodges shall be established within the North-Western territory, “we conceive ourselves as being the Masonic body corporated within the Federal territories, and duly invested with every power necessary to constitute, rule, and govern the same.” Then there is the statement made by Bro. Findel, of certain Boston brethren constituting themselves a Grand Lodge, independent of Scotland, on 8th March 1777, and we know, from the records of New York we have so recently been examining, how the Grand Lodge of that State insisted always on its exclusive jurisdiction over the Lodges within the State. Is Bro. Norton prepared with rebutting evidence to show that the testimony of the Wardens of the *American Union Lodge*, No. 1, dated early in 1791, is worthless? They took a leading part in the Masonic, as well as in the political, events of which they write so circumstantially. Where is the proof that their statements are erroneous, or even untrustworthy? If Bro. Norton is able to upset them, then, perhaps, we may feel inclined to modify, if not to alter, our views, but no amount of railing at the irregularities of White Grand Lodges will suffice to change our present opinion. Not two, or two thousand, white irregularities will make one black *legality*.

Some stress is laid on the refusal of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge to grant a charter to Prince Hall and his

African brethren, and this, in the opinion of many, is held to have justified them in asking for a charter from the Grand Lodge of England. We demur, emphatically, to this view. Assuming that Prince Hall applied, in the first instance, to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the fact must be taken as an acknowledgment that, in the opinion of Prince Hall and his *confrères*, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was the proper authority to apply to for such charter. That being so, it follows, as a matter of course, that Grand Lodge Massachusetts being competent to grant, was likewise competent to refuse its sanction to work a Lodge within the limits of its jurisdiction. If, however, we admit the refusal was a justification for the after conduct of Prince Hall, we open the door at once to all kinds of abuses, and the maintenance of a supreme Masonic authority in any State or Country becomes an impossibility. We admit the limits of Masonic government were not as clearly defined in the days of Prince Hall as they are now, nor was it clearly known in England, when the charter to African Lodge was granted by the Moderns, that the American Masons had thrown off, or were throwing off, their allegiance to the Grand Lodges of the mother country. But though this ignorance exonerates our modern Grand Lodge from all blame, and though it in no wise invalidates the charter granted to Prince Hall, it certainly does not follow that the American Independent Grand Lodges were, or are, required to recognise the legality of a charter issued by a foreign Grand Lodge. As a matter of fact they did not recognise it, and the majority of them still decline to recognise it, and its outcome, in the shape of the present coloured Grand Lodges. We have said we consider this conduct perfectly justifiable, and on this ground we think that members of these coloured Masonic communities are not entitled to admission into our English Lodges. And a recent event in British North America, if anything, confirms this opinion. A so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario has just been established, in defiance of the Grand Lodge of Canada, within whose jurisdiction Ontario is. The Canadian Grand Lodge is warning the United States Grand Lodges against Masonic communication with the rebels, and sundry of the latter have already acted in accordance with the warning. We neither know nor care whether these Ontarian rebels, who, by the way, have been excluded from all Masonic rights and privileges, are black, white, or brown; but we think the G.L. of Canada is right in putting the American Grand Lodges, and the latter right in being, on their guard against receiving them as Masons. Similarly, we think the Grand Lodge of England will act rightly if it deny Masonic intercourse to members of certain self-styled Grand Masonic bodies—whether coloured or plain matters not—which have established themselves in different states of America in defiance of the State Grand Lodges.

We like a matter of this kind to be argued calmly and dispassionately. We think it is a great pity, and likewise a great detriment, when anything like bitterness is exhibited by the advocates on either side. Our sole purpose in referring at all to this very troublesome question was to suggest that our Grand Lodge should indicate the course a W.M. should follow in the not improbable event of one of these coloured Masons seeking admission into his Lodge. Is the man of colour to be denied, or is he to be admitted? We think he should be denied. The fact that Bro. Findel thinks otherwise, and that various Grand Orients and Grand Lodges have already recognised the coloured Lodges, does not shake our confidence in this belief. And Bro. Norton must adduce some stronger reasons ere he will succeed in either modifying or altering our views. We have now fulfilled our purpose of defining clearly the arguments we employed in our former article, and having done so, we take leave of this coloured question with a great deal of pleasure.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

L'Éclair *Monde Maçonnique* contains a full account of the annual assembly of this Grand Orient during the week ended the 16th ult. Bro. de Saint-Jean presided. According to custom the first business on Monday was the verification of powers, the roll-call of those entitled to be present, and the constitution of nine committees. Subsequently the President announced the names of the eleven

members of Council whose period of office had expired and of two others who had resigned. In the afternoon of the same day, Bro. de Saint-Jean was elected President by 152 out of 184 votes. On Tuesday, when the Grand Orient had been formally constituted, sundry propositions were submitted. One to alter the date of meeting was rejected, so that the second Monday in September remains still the day appointed for the opening of the general assembly. A proposition to the effect that Lodge delegates who had not served the office of Venerable for three years should be ineligible to serve as members of the Council was adopted.

On Wednesday, the medals and honorary certificates, awarded by the Grand Orient to Lodges and members who had showed themselves worthy of such distinction, and which have not been granted since 1869, were assigned, the Lodge *Les Sages d'Héliopolis*, Orient of Bucharest, being among the recipients. A proposal to make the wearing of aprons and white gloves obligatory on all Masons at their regular meetings was shelved, the assembly passing to the order of the day, so that the wearing of the apron remains as before, obligatory in the case of Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, but optional with Master Masons. On Thursday, the most important business of the session came under discussion. This was neither more nor less than a proposal to modify the first article of the Constitution by suppressing so much of the second paragraph as lays down that "*Elle (la Maçonnerie) a pour principes l'existence de Dieu, l'immortalité de l'âme et la solidarité humaine.*" ["The fundamental principles of Freemasonry are the existence of God, the immortality of the soul, and the responsibility of man."] A proposal to shelve the question, by passing to the order of the day, was defeated in open vote by one hundred and ten votes to sixty-five. The result of this is that the project will be submitted to all the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient, and they will be required to send in their several reports within a certain time, so that the next general assembly will formally settle the question. On Friday, President de Saint-Jean, in the name and on behalf of the Council of the Order, in the midst of the most profound silence, read a note to the assembly, clearly defining the nature of the vote taken on the preceding day. Having remarked on the gravity of the decision, the note pointed out that it in no way included a denial of those principles laid down in the second paragraph of the article, namely, the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. Those who by speech and vote had opposed the order of the day, had merely sought to lay it down that the enunciation of those principles might apparently be regarded as a restriction of that tolerance which is one of the fundamental characteristics of Freemasonry. They were anxious to preserve full liberty of conscience, and were unwilling to introduce into the constitution of the Grand Orient a negation of those principles which might involve a danger not less grave to liberty of conscience and the spirit of tolerance. The whole assembly greeted this declaration with applause. The election of new members of Council was then proceeded with. Nine of the retiring members were re-elected, the four new being Bros. Masse, Massicault; and on Saturday, after a second vote, Wyruboff and Ferdeuil. On Saturday, the annual account of receipts and expenditure was presented, and approved of. Bro. Wyruboff then delivered a long and effective speech, and at seven o'clock was held the usual banquet, over which Bro. De Saint-Jean presided. At the sitting of the Council held the same day, Bro. De Saint-Jean was re-elected President, Bros. Cousin and Armand Vice-Presidents, and Bros. Caubet and Poulle Secretaries. The other members of Council are Andrieux, Dr. Barré, Blanchon, Bremond, Bruand, Cammas, Coulon, Dalsace, De Houdin, Desmons, Dové, Du Hamel, Ferdeuil, Foussier, Herpin, Albert Joly, Lagache, Marchal, Masse, Massicault, Moreaux, Neumark, Roche, André Rousselle, Thiault, Ed. Valentin, Vienot, Wyruboff. After the banquet the assembly broke up.

We cannot say we regard the explanation offered by the Council, and reiterated in Bro. Wyruboff's address, and Bro. Caubet's summary in *Le Monde Maçonique*, of Thursday's important vote, as at all satisfactory. There is yet time to reconsider the question, which will not be finally set at rest for another year; but, in our opinion, the exclusion of the words which recognise the existence of God, and the immortality of the soul, will, if it ever be adopted, be in direct antagonism to the fundamental principles of the Craft. Freemasonry, as we in England understand it, does impose one limit on freedom of conscience. It requires

all its disciples to recognise the existence of a Supreme Being, and a future state. They may adopt any form of religious worship they please, but they must believe in God. If a single atheist, that is, one who denies the existence of the G.A.O.T.U. is admitted a member of our Society, such admission will be wholly subversive of its first and most sacred principle. It is no defence, but an offence rather of the gravest kind, to say—we accord you freedom of conscience, so that you may believe in or deny God, according as you are so minded. We repeat, a belief in God is of the very essence of Masonry. We utterly destroy its character if for a single moment we allow this belief to be an open question.

THIRSK ARCHÆOLOGICAL SECTION OF THE FALCON LODGE OF FREEMASONS, No. 1416.

On the 7th inst. the members, accompanied by the vicar, the Rev. Bro. A. T. Atwood, M.A., rural dean, visited Leake, and inspected the Church and Hall. Here, many centuries ago, stood a large village, which was destroyed under successive attacks by the Danes, the Normans, and the Scots, its existence and extent being yet partially traceable in the ridges and buried foundations found in the neighbouring fields. The church, dedicated to St. Mary, stands in proximity to the hall, and is a venerable building, comprising nave, chancel, aisles, porch, and an interesting tower in the Anglo-Saxon style. The tower and nave are evidently the oldest parts of the structure, and without buttresses; the chancel has a buttress at each angle, and one on each side, the entrance door of the chancel being through one of the buttresses. The east window is of four lights in the perpendicular style, and filled in principally with plain glass; those of the nave, clerestory, and chancel, of two lights each. The roof is of low pitch, and covered with lead, and over the entrance of the porch is a sun dial inscribed *Labitur et Labetur*.

The three arches dividing the north aisle from the nave are circular, as is also the arch opening from the nave into the basement of the tower; all the capitals differ, and are adorned with sculptured foliage. It is matter for conjecture whether the south aisle may not be of later date, the arches being pointed. One of the capitals deserves special notice, being carved into a profusion of oak leaves and acorns. The existence of a *piscina* in the wall of the south aisle seems to indicate that at some time there had been a small chapel here. In 1854 the church was renovated, and several alterations made. The stalls throughout are of oak, and in excellent preservation; two panels inserted in the screen to the pulpit have originally belonged to the squire's pew, and show some singular ornamentation. Two of the stall ends, removed to the chancel, are unusual specimens of carving in oak, although one of them has been partially mutilated, and bear figures of nondescript animals, symbols with brief legends, and the date of the work, 1519. The tablets in the chancel do not possess much interest, but in the middle aisle of the nave is a brass one with male and female figures, and in excellent preservation. The largest bell in the tower was brought from Riveaulx Abbey.

The parish registers commence in 1570, during the Protectorate, from 1648 to the Restoration in 1660. The church of Leake appears to have been shut up, as no entry is made in the registers during the whole of those twelve years; and it seems as if not even a Parliamentary Sequestrator had been appointed, as no mention is made of the parish in the Parliamentary Surveys of 1649 and 1655. Kepwick, in this parish, belonged to Lord Fauconberg, who married the third daughter of Cromwell.

Having crossed the churchyard, in which stone coffins have frequently been found, the party visited the *Danes' Lane*, said to have been associated with the massacre of the Danes, A.D. 1002, and Mr. Atwood read a remarkably interesting statement, taken from the lips of an old man, to whom it had been handed down by oral tradition. Several years ago a great quantity of skeletons were discovered in that part of the churchyard adjoining the lane, apparently having been indiscriminately thrown together, as into a pit, and indicating some great and terrible destruction of human life: as also, many silver coins, principally of the coinage of Edward I., and minted at York.

Leake Hall, the only remaining house in the village, has been occupied for 200 years by the Morton family, and was formerly one of the residences of the Danby's and Scrope's. It is an antique building, retaining many of the features of the manorial houses of the 16th century, a wide staircase of massive oak, and having its room wainscotted in panels. These, together with a curious old painting on oak, but in a very dilapidated condition, representing the events of our Lord's Passion, were very kindly shown to the party, who soon afterwards left Leake, having been much interested by their visit, and highly gratified with the courtesy and generous hospitality of the Vicar and Mr. Matthew Morton.

The Consecration of the Unity Lodge, No. 1637, will take place on Saturday, the 28th October, at the De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton, Bro. E. C. Woodman, P.M. 382, is the W.M. designate—J. Varley, No. 33, S.W., J. Hendricks J.W., W. Coombes, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, acting Secretary. Bro. James Terry P.G.D.C. Herts, has been appointed Consecrating Officer. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. is to be D.C.

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CORRECTION.—In last week's number, in Dr. Bedolfe's letter, "Which is Correct," first line, second paragraph, the name of Bro. J. Stevens should be substituted for that of Bro. Poore, the former being the brother who first raised the question.

WHICH IS CORRECT?

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The controversy originated by "P.M., P.Z.," hitherto moderately interesting in its way, seems likely to become highly instructive, now that writers of acknowledged talent and learning, such as "Q." and Dr. Bedolfe, take part in it. The remarks upon this subject of Bro. Bedolfe reveal a studious mind, ready to champion what it conceives to be truth against any and every obstacle, but extremely prosaic and remarkably unimaginative. It is, therefore, hardly surprising that he should enter upon this discussion with the enunciation of views which he will find but few to accept or endorse. There is a distinct difference between the aims of "P.M., P.Z." and the Doctor. The endeavours of the former are directed to building up, those of the latter calculated to destroy. The Doctor is almost fierce in his denunciations of the method and quality of Masonic teaching. His matter-of-fact intellect despises allegorical illustrations, which he refuses to view in any other but the literal sense. He would have what is admitted to be simple tradition stand the test of modern science and philosophic speculation, and ideas cherished by the wisest and best for thousands of generations to be unscrupulously dissipated. It is to be regretted that our learned brother did not confine his observations to the examination of Masonic instruction as a whole, instead of picking out two or three isolated cases, which, as presented by him, may appear contemptible; but which in their proper connection will be found to dovetail with the rest of the work, and to contribute to the symmetry and comprehensiveness of the system. His method of attack, undoubtedly well meant, must be condemned, because it is not only injudicious, but thoroughly inconsistent with the spirit of Freemasonry. He lays himself open to the charge of making public matters which should prudently be kept private, of carelessly trenching upon delicate and forbidden territory, thoughtlessly offending the susceptibilities of many, and, at the same time, placing a barrier in the way of arriving at definite and practical conclusions. Before replying to some of the objections raised, it may be at once conceded that our Ritual and Lectures would be none the worse for a little more pruning and grafting, and that many other matters, quaint in themselves, might be considered somewhat out of date; but, at the same time, it should be understood that there are brethren who have exerted themselves (and who are by no means idle now) to introduce many important improvements, which are gradually and cautiously being adopted in many Lodges east, west, north, and south, in spite of the strenuous and persistent opposition of conscientious obstructives, whose perverse unreasoning proclivities inclines them to venerate and hold fast antiquated notions, however ridiculous and opposed to common sense and the advanced thought of the present day. It appears to me the Doctor entirely misapprehends the nature, aim, and object of a Lodge of Instruction. It has never been intended as a place for the attainment of high, or, for that matter, of low branches of education. People who attend there have presumably completed their scholastic career long years ago. Its pretensions have ever been most modest. It simply professes to aid the novice to become acquainted with the various duties he may at some time or other be called upon to perform in a regular Lodge, and to afford opportunity to those who desire to acquire greater efficiency by constant practice under the supervision of an experienced Past Master or Preceptor. The lectures, or at least a portion of them, are intended to illustrate many points in the ritual and procedure which might to some seem obscure and unintelligible. The great lessons sought to be enforced, and not unfrequently by practical example, are discipline, loyalty, fidelity, unselfishness, toleration for the feelings of others, love of truth and benevolence, and humble acknowledgment of human littleness, frailty, and dependence.

It is, moreover, a place which encourages fraternal intercourse, frequently resulting in the formation of lasting friendships, and where the most amiable qualities of our nature are continually called into exercise. It is there, also, where dormant capacities are stimulated; diffident dispositions acquire manly courage, and waverers in the moral path gather strength to pursue it to their comfort and advantage. Can Bro. Bedolfe deny the foregoing assertions? Conscientiously, he cannot. Then why stigmatise such teaching as "cold morality and false morality," and advise that "rather than teach thus, to leave untaught?" By thus, I presume, is meant the allegorical form, and in this category are included the Scripture narratives, which, in his opinion, are "sheer idle tales;" but which, to my mind, forcibly illustrate great and abiding truths. To a mind constituted like that of our esteemed brother these may appear mere "idle tales;" but, to men of ordinary intelligence, every one of them conveys, as it doubtlessly was intended they should, lessons of high moral principle, piety, and humanity. Each and all these narratives is capable of fair interpretation, so as to stand the closest scrutiny, even in the dazzling brightness of "all the lights of science around us." From the Doctor's stand-point, the Fables of Æsop or La Fon-

taine must seem supremely ridiculous, and these, together with the vast literature dedicated to form, train, and direct the budding intellect, ought to be treated with scorn and contempt, and mercilessly destroyed. And yet the records of the remotest ages bear evidence that the wisest have not disdained to sow the seeds of knowledge, and to call into life the finer attributes of humanity by means of parables, emblems, and allegories, conceiving that mode of teaching best calculated to exercise great and salutary influence upon intellectual and moral development. Apart, then, from the question of historical veracity, or theory of inspiration, and taking a more secular view of these narratives, I will ask,—Are they, indeed, "sheer idle tales?" Is there nothing in them that would repay perusal? Let us see. Is the picture of unbounded and unquestioning faith, as typified by the patriarch Abraham, entirely unworthy of contemplation? Is there nothing suggestive in the sketch of Isaac, and his pride and affection for his bluff and burly eldest born, who might be imagined to have been somewhat of the John Bull type—honest, straightforward, and hearty, fond of sport and the chase; yet, withal, of a temper that could be gentle with the weak, and forgiving to those who may have done him wrong; or in the sketch of the effeminate Jacob, whose yielding disposition so easily led him to commit unpardonable treachery. Yet was he possessed of true nobility of soul and strength of character. He had a capacity for love so intense and faithful as to inspire him with fortitude to submit to the degradation of servitude for twice seven years, and was predestined to be the progenitor of a race to whom civilisation owes a debt of gratitude which can never be cancelled? Is there nothing to be gathered from the story which points to the providential means by which the horrors of famine were averted among his kindred by Joseph, whom envy and jealousy had sold into Egyptian slavery? Is the story of Jephtha even, of which the Doctor makes such a strong point, and which he says fills him with inexpressible disgust, entirely barren of moral reflection? Does it not show how, sooner or later, injustice must make atonement, and the proud and arrogant humble themselves to the dust, and be glad to fly for aid to those who, in the days of prosperity, they had shamelessly trampled under foot? Did space permit, examples of this kind might be multiplied *ad infinitum*. It is sufficient to observe that every part of the Lectures points to an example or warning, or inculcates some high moral truth. The "cosmogony" the learned Doctor is pleased to designate as "goody twaddle." Well, it is taken from the Sacred Book, and if not strictly in accordance with present notions and geological discoveries, it is sufficient for our purpose that it points to Him who was the Creator of the Universe, and who sustains and directs the vast machine; and, therefore, we can afford to be calmly indifferent as to whether the period of creation occupied six days or six hundred million years. If, as must indeed be admitted, our teachings of the liberal arts and sciences are of the most meagre kind, and quite unworthy of consideration as such, it is enough for us that they are used to teach us to be thankful for the bestowal of the faculties of speech and reason, for the ability to admire the beauties of nature and appreciate the sounds of harmony, and for the capacity for contemplating the wonders of this magnificent world, upon, in, and around which countless miracles are ceaselessly performed. It is, therefore, "Preceptors can be found" who teach what our brother deems "such absurdities," and I can only term it impertinent presumption for any one to assert that "with a wink they acknowledge it is a puerile lie." It is a mere assertion, unsupported by a particle of proof, to say that the philosophy taught in the Masonic school has fallen into disrepute. It is mere affectation, or ignorance, which cries "shame" on anything taught in a Lodge of Instruction. The late venerated Bro. John Thomas is quoted as having asserted that many who have passed the chair never entered a Lodge of Instruction. These "many" form the Doctor's supports. But as their experience of these Lodges must be absolutely *nil*, of what weight is their testimony, and what is the value of their judgment? Our good Brother sets out with the assurance that "he is not decrying Lodges of Instruction;" and yet while fully acknowledging their value, he does his best to hold them up to contempt and execration. It would be well for him to reconsider the question. I know him to be a true and faithful Craftsman, and am sorry to see him upon false and untenable ground. Let him study the real objects of these Lodges, and I have no doubt he will speedily form a juster conception of their scope and the valuable auxiliary they form in the service of the Craft.

Yours fraternally,

E. GOTTHEIL.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me to thank "P.M., P.Z." for his complimentary expression in reference to my attempts at elucidating the questions he propounds. I confess, however, I am getting alarmed at the bare notion of being accepted as any authority. I give my views for what they are worth; but I have no claim to be an authority. However, I shall go on answering as many questions as I can, in the belief that I may, occasionally, help forward to some slight extent the good work that "P.M., P.Z." has taken in hand.

As to the first of his new series of questions, I hold with Preceptor No. 1, who says: "He who is placed on the lowest spoke of Fortune's wheel is equally entitled to our regard;" and not with Preceptor No. 2, who says: "He &c., &c., may be equally &c., &c." The former expresses the actuality of Masonic equality, the latter merely its potentiality. The former establishes its reality, the latter casts a doubt upon it. Masonry recognizes no social distinctions inside the Lodge, nor are such distinctions a just plea for the non-fulfilment of our obligations towards one another outside the Lodge. Inside the Lodge, we are all equally bound by the same duties; outside, we are bound to exhibit the same regard for all our brethren, be they on the lowest or on the highest spoke of Fortune's wheel. Once we admit that a graduated scale of regard may be exhibited towards

Masons occupying different stations in life, and the whole fabric of Masonry falls to the ground. As Masons we are all equally required to respect, and, if possible, assist one another. The equality does not, however, extend beyond the circle of our Masonic duties. Inside Freemasonry, prince and peasant are equal; outside, they are unequal—the former being in the higher, the latter in the lower ranks of society. We fully and very properly recognize the distinction outside, but it will never do if we cast a doubt upon the complete equality in things Masonic.

As to the second question, Preceptor No. 1 is clearly right. To say that geometry is "the basis and superstructure on which Freemasonry rests," is sheer nonsense. Geometry is the base or basis, and Freemasonry the superstructure, that is the structure erected on that basis. Only by picturing a house built on the top of another house can we fashion for ourselves the idea of Freemasonry resting on the basis and superstructure of geometry.

In respect of the third question, I do not think it very material whether we say "*sepulture*" or "*sepulchre*." I consider the sentence is faultily, or I should say, perhaps, clumsily worded. The body was found to have been hastily and indecently cast into the ground, and instructions were given that it should be raised, and buried, not only reverently and in a decent manner, that is, with proper funeral rites, but also in a manner becoming the exalted rank and great talents of the deceased. Both words are derived *à sepelio*, to bury, *sepulture* being the act of depositing a dead body in the grave, and *sepulchre* the grave or place in which the body is deposited. It will be seen from this, that we may say either to "raise the body, &c., to such a *sepulture*" [or burial] "as became," &c., or "to raise the body, &c., to such a *sepulchre*" [or tomb] as became, &c., without detriment to the sense intended to be conveyed. I confess it sounds funnily to me to hear any one speak of raising a body to a *sepulchre*, seeing that the sepulchre or tomb is raised or erected for the reception of the body. The real truth I take to be this. There were two offices to be fulfilled. First of all, the body had to be raised from its rude burial-place. Secondly, it had to be committed to a tomb becoming the rank, &c. &c. The authors of the Ritual were anxious to express these two ideas in one short sentence, and they have done so not inaccurately, whether we use *sepulture* or *sepulchre*; but I cannot regard their mode of expression as particularly felicitous.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

Re UNIFORMITY OF WORKING.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been interested in reading various letters from "P.M., P.Z.," and have connected the writer, in my own mind, with a series of important communications which appeared in *the Freemason*, the keystone of the whole being the one in the issue for 27th March 1869. The Grand Lodge, in response to that indefatigable brother, gave a unanimous vote that *uniformity of working* was desirable, but, so far, nothing has been officially done to carry out the vote. I do not want to force our brother to reveal his name, but consider that, if my fancy be correct, it would be better for him to come to the front at once, and thus form a link with the eventful past. His success some seven years ago might now be followed by an attempt to secure uniformity, by the Grand Lodge sanctioning the work of one or more Lodges of Instruction, so that country members may know where to attend for authoritative information. I am also persuaded that the advice given some years ago by Bro. Hughan, who is so well posted in the American system of work, is worth following—viz., for the Grand Lodge and each Prov. Grand Lodge to appoint a Grand Lecturer for their respective districts, whose duty it would be to visit the Lodges under their supervision, and make known the ceremonies according to authority. Each Prov. Grand Lecturer should be placed in communication with the Grand Lecturer, and only be entitled to act as such when he has proved himself to be competent so to do. In fact, to all intents and purposes it would be a revival of the old *Lodge of Reconciliation*.

I may say that I quite agree with all that Bro. Gottheil has advanced on the matter, and so also with our Bro. G.W.W., and I am persuaded that the Grand Officers have little idea how much an alteration is required in many country Lodges.

P. G. W.

A CURIOUS ACCOUNT OF AN ANCIENT LODGE.

The following is the Record concerning Lodge 20, the oldest in the Provinces:—

"Whereas it appears by the Records of the Grand Lodge that a Warrant bearing date the 28th March 1723, was issued under the Seal of Masonry, enabling certain brethren therein named to open and hold a Lodge of Freemasons, at the Crown, Cripplegate, London, under, called, or known by the number 13, and whereas by the general closing up of the List of Lodges in the year 1740, the said Lodge became number 12. In the year 1748 the said Lodge was removed to Chatham, in the County of Kent, and by the closing up of the List of Lodges in the year 1756 it became number 10; and which Lodge, in consequence of the union of the two fraternities of Freemasons on the 27th day of December 1813, became, and is now registered, in the books of the United Grand Lodge, No. 20. In the year 1873, on petition by the Grand Lodge, a centenary charter was granted, with permission to wear the centenary jewel."—From *Bye-laws of Prov. G.L. Kent*.

We have been favoured with copy of Sir Henry Edwards's address at the recent meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire. We insert it with a great deal of pleasure, and we trust our brethren throughout the country will kindly take to heart the very sound advice respecting the care of archives which our Right Worshipful Brother offers.

Worshipful Masters, Officers, and Brethren of this Provincial Grand Lodge,—The time has again arrived when it becomes my pleasing duty to address you as your Provincial Grand Master, and in so doing, I am sure I cannot gratify both yourselves and myself more than by inviting you all to participate in the pleasing duties of this Provincial Grand Lodge, assuring you that the matters in which we are about to be engaged could not well fail to give you unalloyed satisfaction. Receive, I beg of you, my warmest acknowledgments for the salutation with which you have greeted me in Harrogate, a place familiar to me for a long period, in connection with my yeomanry command, and for the cordiality of the Masonic compliment you have rendered to the office I occupy amongst the brethren of West Yorkshire. We assemble to-day under the banner of a Lodge established in one of the most popular inland watering-places in Yorkshire, a place annually visited by about forty or fifty thousand persons from all countries, in search of health or of recreation, and celebrated for the hospitality of the brethren of the Claro Lodge, as well as for its baths, mineral springs and hospitals. There was a period far back in the chronicle of time, when the whole of this neighbourhood was a thicket forest, and when Harrogate was an almost inaccessible nook in the Wolds of Yorkshire. To-day, however, the town is approached by railway and other means of communication, and is replete with every convenience. We meet for our autumnal gathering in a Lodge—the only one in this fashionable resort—which, although small in numbers, has twice entertained Provincial Grand Lodge since the date of its constitution. To the hospitality of the Worshipful Master we are indebted for the privilege of meeting here on the present occasion. Like some other Lodges in this Province, the Harrogate and Claro had had its difficulties to overcome, but it has conquered its vicissitudes, and is now, I am happy to believe, in a prosperous condition. It has been enabled to establish itself in rooms adapted to its requirements, and its treasury is carefully administered and protected. The late Deputy P.G.M. at Doncaster, on this subject, said, on the 8th July 1874, that he "desires to impress upon the brethren the fact that, excepting the Worshipful Masters of Lodges, there was no officer of more importance than the Treasurer, and he impressed upon those officers the desirability of calling upon members for their subscriptions before they got into arrear." I endorse his advice. The brethren, I hope, will have observed a paragraph which has appeared in several of the Provincial Grand Lodge quarterly summonses relating to the safe custody of old Lodge books, records and papers. The notice runs thus:—"The Provincial Grand Secretary is anxious to form a complete set of Provincial Grand Lodge summonses; and will take it as a favour if any old copies can be furnished." My deputy informs me that many of the Lodges he has visited regret the loss of old minute and cash books, which destroys the links of history in the Constitutions of the Lodges between the present and the past, and thus the continuity of the history and progress of the Lodges from their dates of constitution cannot now be traced. Let me firmly impress upon the Masters of Lodges that steps be taken in every Lodge to provide proper boxes or safes for the better and certain custody of these invaluable documents. And I earnestly recommend that each Lodge at once form a small committee, to not only search for these scattered records, but also to make an inventory of them. Whilst on this topic, I desire to add that our Provincial Grand Lodge archives, under the care of the Provincial Grand Secretary, are still short of a large number of previous Grand Lodge summonses from the year A.L. 5823, when the province of West Yorkshire was constituted. At our July meeting I mentioned that I and my deputy had determined to have the Huddersfield edition of our Provincial Grand Lodge bye-laws reprinted, and it would be desirable to add another Bye-law to the list, as it is my earnest desire that Worshipful Masters should be better acquainted with these bye-laws as well as with the Book of Constitutions. Our able Provincial Grand Registrar, who has done a great deal of work for us this year, has given notice of such a bye-law, with which I and my Deputy perfectly coincide. In conclusion, I have only to remark that the Lodges in the Province, I believe without exception, in a prosperous condition, and the brethren, I trust, in perfect unity and harmony. And now that I have entered upon the more active season of the year, when the 61 Lodges meet regularly, I trust their may be an earnest desire to study the principles upon which our ancient and time-honoured fraternity is founded, and to guard at the same time our portals from unworthy candidates, whose object is not merely to gratify a vain curiosity, but to join for the privilege of participating in convivial meetings; and to admit those novitiates only who enter of their own free will and accord, to participate in the privileges of our Order, and who are likely to become esteemed and illustrious upholders of piety and virtue.

The Prosperity Lodge of Instruction has been removed to Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, E.C. The brethren will meet on Tuesday Evenings, at 7.30. The attendance and the support of the Craft is fraternally invited.

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

MASONIC CEREMONIAL AT GLASGOW.

THE Masonic Ceremonial of Tuesday must be ranked as among the most successful that has taken place this century—we may almost say since the revival of Freemasonry in 1717, whether or not the excitement which attended the Installation last year of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England has extended to our brethren north of the Tweed and is not yet wholly spent, we are unable to say. Certain it is that our Scottish brethren have evinced almost the same degree of enthusiasm about their Patron as we did last year about our Grand Master. It is indeed satisfactory evidence of the strong hold which the Craft has taken on the public, when we find a Provincial muster of the Craft rivalling in point of numbers the gathering in the Royal Albert Hall, and all the inhabitants of the provincial city in question turning out to do honour to a Masonic ceremonial.

We announced last week that the arrangements of our Glasgow brethren for the solemn ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the New Post-office was likely to give general satisfaction, and the event entirely bears out our announcement. Shortly after midday, the brethren began to assemble in Burnbank Park, and the muster ultimately reached little short of 8,000, the following being the list of the Lodges which took part in the ceremonial:—

Mother Lodge 0, Kilwinning, Mary's Chapel 1, Edinburgh, Canon-gate Kilwinning 2, Edinburgh, Scoon and Perth 3, St. John 3 bis, Glasgow, Kilwinning 4, Glasgow, Canon-gate and Leith 5, Old Kilwinning St. John's 6, Inverness, Kilwinning 7, Hamilton, Journey-men 8, Edinburgh, Daublane 9, Kilwinning 10, Dalkeith, St. John 11, Maybole, Kilwinning 12, Greenock, Torphichen Kilwinning 13, Kilwinning 15, Montrose, Falkirk 16, Ancient Bracen 17, Linlithgow, St. John Kilwinning 18, Dumbarton, Cupar of Fife 19, St. John 20, Old St. John's 21, Lanark, St. John Kilwinning 21, Kilmarnock, Kilwinning 24, Peebles, St. Andrew's 25, St. Andrew's, St. John 26, Dunfermline, St. Mungo 27, Glasgow, St. John Kilwinning 28, Kirkin-tilloch, Ancient 30, Stirling, St. Mary 31, Coltness, St. John 32, Selkirk, St. John 35, Falkland, St. David 36, Edinburgh, St. Michael 38, Crieff, Kilsyth 39, St. Thomas 40, Arbroath, St. Culbert 41, Kirkcud-bright, St. Luke 44, Edinburgh, St. John 46, Auchterarder, Ancient Dundee 49, St. John 50, Inverary, London Kilwinning 51, Newmilns, St. Andrew 52, Banff, St. John 60, Inverkeithing, Thistle 62, Doric Kilwinning 68, Port-Glasgow, Alloa 69, Kirkcaldy 72, Thistle and Rose 73, St. Andrew 74, Perth, Dunbar Castle 75, Royal Arch 76, Stirling, St. Regulus 77, St. Andrew 79, Annan, Navigation 86, Thistle 87, Glasgow, Montrose 88, Kilwinning 90, Forfar, St. Ayle 95, St. James's Operative 97, Edinburgh, St. Magdalen 100, St. Mark 102, Glasgow, Union and Crown 103, Glasgow, St. John's Operative 105, Cupar-Angus, Lindores 106, Eskdale Kilwinning 107, St. Marnock 109, Kilmarnock, St. John 111, Hawick, St. John 112, Fisherrow, Royal Arch 114, Cambuslang, Royal Arch 116, Rutherglen, St. Mary 117, Partick, St. Bride 118, Royal Arch 122, Perth, Kilwinning 124, Ayr, St. James 125, St. Andrew 126, Kilmarnock, Thistle 127, St. John 128, Shettleston, St. Mirren 129, St. Luke 132, St. James 135, St. John 137, Blairgowrie, Operative 138, Ayr, Operative 140, Dumfries, St. Stephen 145, Cawder Argyll 147, St. Andrew's 149, Edinburgh Defensive Band 151, Royal Arch 153, St. Barchan 156, St. John Kilwinning 157, Beith, Thistle Operative 158, Dundee, Roman Eagle 160, Edinburgh, St. John 162, Royal Arch 165, Ayr, St. John 166, Airdrie, Free Operative 167, Biggar, Thistle and Rose 169, St. John 170, Leven, Dumbarton, St. John 173, Largs, St. John 174, Dunning, St. John 175, Greenock, St. Andrew 176, Denny, St. James 177, Old Monkland, Scotia 178, St. Mungo 179, Commercial 180, Hopetoun 181, Incorporated Kilwinning 182, St. John 187, Car-luke, St. John 189, Castle-Douglas, St. John 192, Muthill, St. John Operative 193, Rothes, St. Andrew 199, Cumbernauld, St. Thomas 201, Muirkirk, St. Clement 202, Kilmarnock, St. John Operative 203, Airdrie, St. Paul 204, Carthland St. Winnoch 205, St. Andrew 215, Strathaven, Stow 216, Star 219, Glasgow, Trafalgar 223, Leith, Forfar and Kincardine 225, St. Barnabas 230, Hamilton 233, St. John 237, Girvan, Houstoun 242, Union, 244, Stonehouse, Union 250, St. John 252, Thornhill, Caledonian 254, Quhytewoolen 258, Tweed 261, Kelso, St. John 262, Galashiels, Thistle 270, West Calder, St. John 272, Mid-Calder, Shamrock and Thistle 275, Charleston of Aboyne 281, St. Andrew 282, Airlie 286, Blair 290, Dalry, Edinburgh and Leith Celtic 291, St. John, 292, Rothesay, Panmure 299, King Robert the Bruce 304, St. John 305, Wood-hall, St. Thomas 306, Union and Crown 307, Lour 309, Royal Arch 314, Camperdown 317, St. John R.A. 320, St. Andrew R.A., 321, Clydesdale 326, St. Serf, 327, St. Peter 331, Union 332, St. George 333, St. John 334, New Cumnock, Argyll 335, St. John Operative 317, Rutherglen, St. Clair 319, Edinburgh, Cale-donian Railway 354, Commercial 360, St. Clair 362, Ren-frew County Kilwinning 370, St. John 374, Neptune 375, St. Andrew 380, Athol 384, Zetland 391, Caledonian 392, Royal Blues 399, Duncarn 400, Rifle 405, St. John Dalzell 406, Clyde 408, Douglas 409, Athole 413, Neptune 419, Prince of Wales 426, St. Clair 427, St. Thomas Kilwinning 433, Govan 437, Glas-gow 441, Neptune Kilwinning 442, Albert 448, St. John 453, Busby, Kelburne 459, St. Andrew 465, Oswald of Dannekar 468, St. John's 471, Shotts, Kirkliston 482, St. John 484, Shannan, St. John 497, Catrine, St. George 503, Burns St. Mary 505, Hopetoun 507, Mary-hill 510, Thornhill 512, Kilwinning 519, Stranraer, St. Clair 520, St. Andrew 524, Abercromby 531, Rothes 532, Marie Stuart 541, Union 542, St. John 543, Dalmuir, St. Andrew 544, The Stuart 547, St. Margaret 548, Clydesdale 551, Kilmalton 552, St. Vincent 553, Clydesdale 556, Blantyre Kilwinning 557, Bonnie Doon 565, Ferguson, St. James 566, Kenmure 570, Dramatic 571, Livingstone St. Andrew 573, St. Ninian 575, St. Bride 579, Plantation 581, Callendar 588, Albert Edward, 592.

Grand Lodge was opened in the Albany Academy, Cumberland-street, West, at 1.30 p.m., the Right Hon. the Earl of Mar and Kellie D.P.M. occupying the chair. His lordship was supported by Bros J. Whyte-Melville R.W.P.M., the Right Hon. Lord Balfour of Bur-

leigh R.W.S.G.M., Henry Inglis of Torsonce, P.S.G.M., Alex. Smollett, Bonhill, P.G.M. Dumbartonshire, Capt. G. R. Harriott, of Killiemuir, P.G.M. Wigtown and Kirkcudbright, F. A. Barrow, acting P.G.M. of Glasgow, the Right Hon. Lord Ramsay P.G.M. Forfar, Colonel Campbell of Blytheswood, P.G.M. Renfrewshire East, Hector F. Maclean, Carnwath, P.G.M. Lanarkshire, Upper Ward, Sir James E. Alexander, Westerton, P.G.M., Stirlingshire, P. M'Lagan, Pumpherston, P.G.M. Linlithgowshire, Colonel Mure, M.P., of Caldwell, P.G.M. Ayrshire, D. Murray Lyon, proxy P.G.M. of the West Indies, J. H. Neilson, proxy P.G.M. of Venezuela, Wm. Mann, acting R.W. Sen. G.W., Wm. Haig, acting R.W. Junior G.W., D. Kinneir, acting Grand Treasurer, John Lario Grand Secretary, the Rev. Drs. Gray, and A. Thomson Grand Chaplains, William Officer Senior Grand Deacon F. Shaw-Stewart Junior Grand Deacon, Robert Matheson, acting Grand Architect, Andrew Kerr and John Baird assistant Architects, Daniel Robertson Grand Bible-bearer, John Coghill Grand Director of Ceremonies, Captain G. F. R. Colt of Gartshorrie Grand Sword-bearer, C. W. Mazwell Mullor Grand Director of Music, A. T. Apthorpe Grand Marshal, William Bryce Grand Tyler, R. Wilson acting President of the Board of Grand Stewards, and Charles Mackenzie Vice-president. Among the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodges were Bros. Colonel Guthrie of Carlogie, J. Wolfe Murray of Cringletie, and Rt. Wylie P.P.G.M. Ayrshire. Letters of apology for absence were read by Brother Laurie, the Grand Secretary, from the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn P.G.M., the Right Hon. Lord Kin-naird, K.T., P.G.M., the Right Hon. Lord Rosehill J.G.W., Brother Alex. Hay Grand Jeweller, Brother F. S. Melville President of the Board of Grand Stewards, Capt. Chas. Hunter P.G.M. Aberdeenshire, East. Grand Lodge was shortly afterwards adjourned, and, during the interval of adjournment, the members of the several daughter Lodges were settling in their appointed places, under the able conduct of Bro. Apthorpe, Grand Marshal, assisted by Bros. Robb and Cranstoun. In addition to these, the Past Prov. Grand Stewards of Glasgow, who had placed their services at the disposal of Grand Lodge, rendered valuable assistance as assistant Marshals. The route followed by the procession was up Woodlands Road, Lynedoch Street, Park-street, East, Park Circus, Park Street West, and Park Terrace, through Kelvingrove Park, Park Gardens, Claremont Terrace, Woodside Crescent, to Sauchiehall Street, and then by West Nile Street to St. Vincent Street and George Square. At the resi-dence of the Lord Provost, H.R.H. Prince of Wales, Patron, and the M.W.G.M., Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart Bart., joined Grand Lodge. The procession moved along at the rate of about three miles an hour, the head of the column reaching Charing-cross shortly before three. An hour later the Prince and Princess, with their escort, passed the same point. Grand Lodge, the members of which retired by the covered way to the City Chambers, was then closed by Acting G.M. the Earl of Mar and Kellie. At length the Royal party reached the site of the new buildings. Grand Lodge advanced and took up a position round the stone, and all the necessary preliminaries having been settled, the Lord Provost stepped forward, and, bowing to the Prince, requested his acceptance of the following address:—

To His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

May it please your Royal Highness,—We, the Lord Provost, Magis-trates, and Council of the City of Glasgow, avail ourselves of the presence of your Royal Highness and the Princess of Wales to renew the expression of our loyalty and devotion to Her Majesty the Queen. It is our earnest prayer that Her Majesty may long be spared in health and strength to discharge her high duties, and to add fresh lustre to the Crown by her personal virtues, and by the wisdom, be-nignity, and beneficence of her reign. We desire, on behalf of the citizens, to offer to your Royal Highness and your illustrious Consort our warmest welcome to Glasgow. On the occasion of your last visit you were pleased to lay, in its new site, the foundation-stone of our University—an institution which, during the last four centuries, has fostered the taste for learning in Scotland, and provided the means of cultivating it. To-day your Royal Highness marks, with a gracious-ness of which we are deeply sensible, your interest in our postal and telegraphic system, by which the modern activities and widely-extended interests of this community are sustained and developed, and human sympathies most favourable to peace and goodwill among men are maintained and fostered. The rapid increase of Glasgow during the last half-century has been attended with a corresponding increase in the demands upon the Post-Office establishment in the city; and successive enlargements of the old building were soon found to be wholly inadequate even for present requirements. Under these circumstances, her Majesty's Government has sanctioned the erection of an entirely new structure, according to plans and elevations which promise to be a credit to Glasgow. That your Royal Highness has graciously consented to lay the foundation-stone of this building is regarded by the citizens as an evidence of your interest and a mark of your favour, for which they are deeply grateful.

We rejoice to find that your Royal Highness has returned in unim-paired health and vigour from your eventful journey to India. We venture to regard this as an evidence that your constitution has not suffered from the severe ordeal through which it passed during that illness which pressed so heavily on the national heart, and made the people realise, as nothing else could have done, how closely their affectional and hopes are entwined round the Royal Family.

We offer our humble and hearty thanks to the Princess of Wales for so graciously accompanying your Royal Highness on this occa-sion. Nowhere, we venture to say, in her Majesty's dominions, is her Royal Highness more beloved than she is in this city, and it is a special gratification to its many thousands to see her in their midst with her husband and children. It is our earnest prayer that your Royal Highness and your illustrious Consort may long be spared to each other and to the nation, and that in the sweetness and sanctity of family life, which it has been the inestimable privilege of both of you from your earliest years to enjoy, you may find unfulfilling solace amidst the cares and anxieties of your exalted position.

Signed in the name and by appointment of the Lord Provost Magistrates, and Council of the city of Glasgow, and th

seal of the said city appended hereto, this seventeenth day of October, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

The Prince of Wales in reply said:—

Lord Provost and Gentlemen,—The Princess joins with me in thanking you very cordially for your address, and for the welcome which we have received from the ancient city of Glasgow.

I sincerely appreciate the terms in which you allude to the Queen, and, as her son, I am greatly touched by the expressions which you make use of when speaking of the virtues for which Her Majesty is so conspicuous, both in her public and private capacity.

On a former occasion, I, together with the Princess, visited your town, the most important and populous in Scotland, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of your new University, and we now come to perform a similar duty for your Post Office. I am always glad when I find that circumstances permit me to manifest the interest which I experience in everything relating to the material prosperity of our great manufacturing and commercial centres, and I had much pleasure, therefore, in accepting your invitation that I should take the principal part in the proceedings of the ceremony to-day.

My expedition to the East was undertaken with feelings of the gravest interest; but high as were my expectations as to what I should witness in that wonderful country, they fell far short of the reality. I trust that the result of my visit may prove to have been of service to the many millions of my fellow creatures in that distant quarter of the globe, and to have united yet more firmly the ties which bind our Eastern possessions with Great Britain. I venture to express a belief that in this hope I have not been entirely disappointed; and one of the most influential of the native Princes has stated in a letter recently received from him that "one of the excellent results of the visit has been to interest India and England in each other, to make them understand each other better, and to daily increase England's confidence in India, and India's hope in England."

You refer, in connection with the presence here this afternoon of the Princess and my sons, to the domestic happiness which exists among the members of the Royal family. This allusion comes especially home to me at the present moment, when I remember that just a year ago I was separated from all those I hold most dear to commence a long journey to a distant land; and I can assure you, gentlemen, I shall not easily forget the ordeal through which I passed on that occasion. In wishing all success to your undertaking, let me not forget to mention the name of the distinguished founder of the penny-postage system—Sir Rowland Hill—to whom we are all, rich and poor, so much indebted.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. W. H. Gray, Grand Chaplain, then read the following prayer:—Heavenly Father,—We bless Thee that, by the inspiration of Thy spirit, we have understanding. Thou teachest us more than the beasts of the earth. Thou makest us wiser than the fowls of Heaven. We give Thee thanks, also, for that gift of speech by which we can hold converse with our fellow-men, and make known to those around us our wishes and our thoughts. Especially at this time we praise Thy name that Thou enablest us to hold communication with the absent, and that we, by Thy revealing light, have been guided to inventions and discoveries whereby our messages can be borne along through earth, and air, and sea to other cities and to distant lands. "There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard; their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world." Met together as we are this day, to lay the foundation-stone of a building designed to help on this intercourse among the separated members of the human family, we pray that Thy Blessing may rest on the work of our hands. May this edifice be reared in safety and opened with joy. May all employed in carrying on its building now and carrying out its purposes hereafter work in harmony and live in peace; and may the correspondence it may age by age receive and circulate be instrumental in promoting the prosperity of this city, the welfare of this country, and the brotherhood of all the members of the human family. And to Thee be all the praise. Amen.

The ceremonial was then proceeded with, and the Prince advanced close to where the foundation stone was placed.

The inscription on the stone was as follows:—By the favour of the Great Architect of the Universe, in the fortieth year of the reign of Her most gracious Majesty, Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and Dependencies, Empress of India, &c., &c., &c. And on the Seventeenth day of October, in the year of the Christian Era MDCCCLXXVI., and of the Masonic Epoch MMMMDCCCLXXX., The Foundation or Memorial Stone of the New General Post Office at Glasgow was laid with great solemnity by His Royal Highness Albert-Edward, Prince of Wales, K.G., K.T., K.P., &c., Great Steward of Scotland, and Patron of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland, supported by Sir Michael Robert Shaw-Stewart, Bart., Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and the Grand Lodge, with a great assemblage of the Daughter Lodges, in presence of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, the Honourable James Bain (Lord Provost), and the Magistrates and Council of the City of Glasgow, and a vast concourse of spectators.

His Royal Highness having been presented with the trowel, which bore an inscription appropriate to the occasion; and the Grand Master Mason, Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, having directed the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary to place the coins, papers, &c., in the cavities, and the Grand Architect to assemble the necessary workmen. The Grand Master said: R. W. Sub-Grand Master, you will cause the various implements to be applied to the stone, that it may be laid in its bed according to the rules of Masonry. The Wardens then executed their duty at the order of the Substitute Grand Master, and the Grand Master said: Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, what is the proper jewel of your office? The plumb. Have you applied the plumb to the several edges of the stone? I have, Most Worshipful Grand Master. Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, what is the proper jewel of your office? The level. Have you applied the level to the top of the stone? I have, Most

Worshipful Grand Master. Right Worshipful Substitute Grand Master, what is the proper jewel of your office? The square. Have you applied the square to those parts of the stone that are square? I have, Most Worshipful Grand Master. Having, my right worshipful brethren, full confidence in your skill in our royal art, I now call upon your Royal Highness to complete the work. The Prince then gave three knocks with the gavel, and repeated the prayer:—May the Almighty Architect of the Universe look down with benignity upon our present undertaking, of which we have now laid the foundation with every success.

Three cheers having been given, the corn was placed upon the stone, and the wine and oil poured on it. Bro. the Rev. A. Thomson Grant, Grand Chaplain, then offered the following prayer:—Praise be to the Lord, immortal and eternal, who formed the heavens, laid the foundations of the earth, and extended the waters beyond it, who supports the pillars of nations, and maintains in order and harmony surrounding worlds: we implore Thy aid. And may the continued blessings of an all-bounteous Providence be the lot of these our native shores; and may the Almighty Ruler of events deign to direct the hand of our gracious Sovereign, so that she may pour down blessings upon her people; and may her people, living under sage laws in a free Government, ever feel grateful for the blessings they enjoy.

The Prince next spread the mortar, and the stone was lowered to its place. He then returned to the platform, and said:—

My Lord Provost, I have great pleasure in announcing to you that the work is now completed.

The Lord Provost, in acknowledgment—I beg to thank your Royal Highness, on behalf of all concerned, and to beg that your Royal Highness may accept the trowel you have used as a memento of the auspicious occasion.

This ended the ceremony, and in due course the assembly dispersed.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF ROBERT BURNS CHAPTER, No. 143, HOLYTOWN.

THE Companions of this young, but flourishing Chapter, met on Friday, the 13th inst., to celebrate their fourth anniversary, Comp. D. Baker Z. in the chair, and Wm. McMurdo P.Z., now S.E., as Cronprier. After full justice had been to a substantial repast, the presiding officer gave the "Queen," and "Royal Arch Masonry." "Rule Britannia" was sung by the company, led by Bro. Paterson. "The Prince of Wales and rest of the Royal Family;" then followed "The Grand Chapter and the P.G.C." Comp. G. W. Wheeler, as the only P.G.C. officer present, replied, promising on the P.G.C.'s behalf, that this outlying Chapter should be better attended to in the future than it had been in the past. The chairman said he had now come to what he considered the toast of the evening, that of the "I.P.Z., Comp. H. J. Shields, 33°." He held in his hand a handsome P.Z.'s jewel to present him with, but as he was a man of few words, he would ask the oldest Mason present, Comp. G. W. Wheeler, to make the presentation for him.

Comp. Wheeler said, if he had known that he was to be honoured by making this presentation he would have tried to have prepared himself for it, but they must now take the will for the deed. On looking at the jewel he found that it was "Presented for zeal and energy on behalf of Masonry in general." That being so, it would afford him fuller scope to speak of the many good qualities of their excellent Comp. Shields. Holding, as he most religiously did, that the Craft degrees contained all the essentials of Masonry, he yet held, with the English brethren, that the Royal Arch was but the completion of the Master Masonic degree, and no one could be called a perfect Mason who had not taken that degree; but though the solid foundations of the Temple were laid in the Craft degrees, and they, with the cube stone of the Arch, were all that was absolutely necessary, yet, as we liked to adorn and beautify the material temples that we raise in which to worship the Deity, and also like to embellish our public works as well as the residences of our nobility or merchant princes, so we might beautify and very much embellish the solid structure of Craft Masonry by what are called the Higher Degrees. Now, their good friend Shields was not only capable of laying the foundations of Masonry, sound and deep, so as to have a secure building, but he was able to enrich every part of it with splendid columns, rich entablatures and noble friezes, for there was no degree of Masonry, from the first to the thirty-third, that he was not able to work, and not only the thirty-three degrees, but those various other out-buildings, known as the side degrees, as well as chivalrous ones of the Temple, Malta, and the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, as they, knew by his having established a Conclave of the latter amongst them, and he, the speaker, knew that Comp. Shields had now in his pocket a Dispensation from the D.M. Principal of Scotland authorising him to open a Council of the Red Cross of Babylon in their midst. These various works proved Comp. Shield's zeal for Masonry in general, and he felt great pleasure now in adorning him with this splendid jewel, as a slight mark of the esteem felt for him by those amongst whom he had been lately labouring.

Comp. Shields said the present was so unexpected, and the address of Comp. Wheeler so elaborate, that he really did not know how to reply, because they all knew that he was a worker rather than a talker. He would try to deserve the gift, which he should always deeply prize, as a memento of the time he had spent amongst them. Comp. Wheeler had betrayed a secret in speaking of the Dispensation to work what was called the Red Cross degrees, as he had not yet told any one in Holytown of it, but, as the cat was out of the bag, he would be glad to meet seven or eight of the Comps. on the following evening, and then give them the degree to enable them to legally open a Conclave, and receive candidates. (Cheers.)

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS, St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, S.W.

A Quarterly General Court of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, W.C., on Saturday, 14th October 1876.

LIEUT.-COL. CREATON, Trustee and Vice-Patron, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by ballot, of Eight Children into the Institution, from a list of thirty-six approved Candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

No. on list	Votes polled	No. on list	Votes polled
23 Swain, Frances Amy	1,687	17 Ansell, Minnie Sarah	1,318
5 Horn, Lucy	1,393	35 Armitage, Florence	1,277
23 Turner, Beatrice Lillian	1,386	27 Hothersall, Matilda Mary	1,249
32 Lewis, Maria	1,333	4 Lappington, Fanny Elizabeth	1,236

The number of votes recorded for unsuccessful candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's Office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election, if eligible.

R. WENTWORTH LITTLE, SECRETARY.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS, WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N. Office: 6 Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

PATRON: HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President: H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

A Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers, held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 16th day of October 1876, JOHN SYMONDS, Esq., Vice Patron and Trustee, in the chair, a Ballot took place for the election of 15 Boys from an approved list of 57 candidates, when the following were declared successful:—

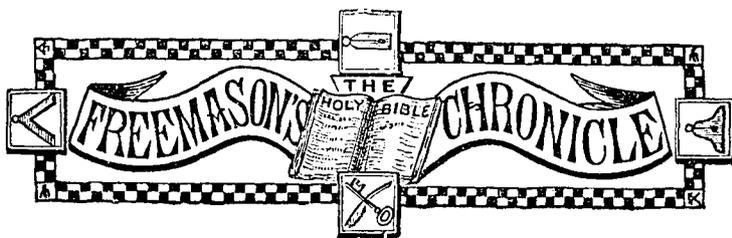
1. Chandler, Robt. Stanley	2008	9. Allison, Geo. Randall	1510
2. Clark, Herbert E.	1982	10. Bourne, Arthur Richard	1490
3. Tanare, James E.	1914	11. Quelch, Alfred Christopher	1452
4. Date, William Horton	1737	12. Nash, Samuel G.	1375
5. Parkes, Henry	1683	13. Service, Stanley H.	1356
6. Hothersall, William Henry	1623	14. Hair, Edwin	1336
7. Whalley, George Oliver	1519	15. Beck, William	1217
8. Leyshon, Herbert Henry	1521		

Lists of the Candidates, with the votes polled for the successful and unsuccessful candidates, may be had on application at the Office.

John Wordsworth, Esq., Vice Patron, was unanimously elected a Trustee of the General Fund, in room of Alexander Dobie, Esq., deceased.

FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G. Stal., Secretary.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

ON Tuesday the long talked of visit to Glasgow of the Prince and Princess of Wales was paid. The multitudes that thronged the line of route from the St. Enoch Railway Station to St. George's-square were enormous, and so great was the pressure at certain places that, in spite of the efforts of the police and occasional charges of the cavalry escort, the barriers were broken, and the progress of the Royal party was slow and achieved with difficulty. The first event was a review of volunteers, who were present on the ground to the number of some 6,000. The necessary preparations for the reception of their Royal Highnesses had been made. A grand stand had been erected, the central portion of which was specially devoted to the use of the Prince and Princess, and the members of their respective suites. The review consisted simply of a brief inspection, followed by the usual march past, but the pressure of the crowd was enormous, and even these simple evolutions were with difficulty got through. The review over, the visitors were conducted to the site of the New Post Office, where the Prince was to fulfil the main purpose of his visit. Here the arrangements had been better contrived, or the heavy rain had considerably checked the exuberant loyalty of the worthy burghers. At all events the ceremony of laying the foundation stone was accomplished most successfully, the Prince himself taking the leading part, as Grand Patron of the Craft in Scotland, and

being ably supported by Bro. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart as Grand Master Mason. On the conclusion of the ceremonial the Royal party returned to Blytheswood, Renfrewshire, the seat of Bro. Col. Arch. Campbell Campbell, Prov. G.M. Renfrewshire, whose guests the Prince and Princess had been over night. After dinner their Royal Highnesses and children left by train for London, reaching the St. Pancras Station of the Midland Line punctually at the appointed hour of 8 a.m. the following morning. They then drove to Marlborough House, and in the evening honoured the Promenade Concerts at Covent Garden Theatre with their presence. On the 20th of next month the Prince has arranged to visit Norwich, for the purpose of installing Lord Suffield as P.G.M. of Norfolk, and likewise to lend his aid in enlarging the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. Our brethren, the Governing Body of the Hospital, and the Town Council, have already appointed committees, and these will act together in the necessary arrangements to give a fitting reception to the Prince, who, by residence at least, may consider himself a Norfolk man.

The Royal Circle at Balmoral has been increased by the arrival of Prince Louis of Hesse, husband of our Princess Alice. Prince Leopold, too, has returned to his mother's Highland residence. The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh have reached Malta, the former in his ship, the Sultan, the latter on board the Russian frigate Svetland. The Duchess, for the present, will reside on the island, while her husband will rejoin the Mediterranean fleet in Besika Bay.

We hear a great deal less now about the Bulgarian atrocities. People are beginning to recognise the danger of allowing common sense and the interests of our empire to be subordinated to a momentary outburst of passion. What few meetings have recently taken place have been mainly with a view to second the efforts of the ministry to secure peace and maintain the honour and dignity of the British. All kinds of alarming rumours are flying about as to a proposed autumnal session of Parliament, orders to Lord Napier of Magdala to hold himself in readiness to assume the command of a British Army, and so forth. These rumours are contradicted, however, but the gravity of the situation is felt on all sides. The funds, especially on some Continental exchanges, are very seriously depressed—always a most ominous sign. Lastly, a Cabinet Council was held on Thursday, at the official residence of the Prime Minister, in Downing Street. Telegrams were despatched late on Tuesday evening to the Duke of Richmond and Gordon at Gordon Castle, the Lord Chancellor at Brechin, and Lord John Manners, the minister in attendance on the Queen at Balmoral, advising them of the proposed Council. This is the second meeting of the Cabinet within a little over a fortnight, and at a time of the year when ministers are usually enjoying a well-earned relaxation from their arduous duties. These rumours and facts are hardly to be considered favourable to the general peace of Europe.

We are sorry to announce the resignation of the Viceroyship of Ireland by the Duke of Abercorn, who has been one of the most popular Lords Lieutenant who has for many a year watched over the interests of the sister isle. His successor, the Duke of Marlborough, K.G., has already been appointed and will shortly assume the reins of Government.

The Lord Mayor continues his course of hospitality. On Tuesday, he entertained the Masters and Wardens of the various Civic Guilds. The Guilds numbered some two hundred and fifty, all the leading companies, such as the Grocers, the Drapers, the Goldsmiths, the Fishmongers, and the Merchant Taylors being represented. The usual toasts were proposed and appropriately responded to.

The Bristol Festival, the last of the three great musical gatherings of the year, commenced on Tuesday, under the most favourable auspices, and it is hoped that very substantial benefit will accrue to the Royal Infirmary and General Hospital, to which the proceeds of the Festival will be appropriated. The programme was a magnificent one, including *Elijah*, *Israel in Egypt*, the *Lobgesang*, and the *Messiah*, while among the principal *artistes* occur the names of Mdlle. Titiens, Mdlle. Albani, Miss Edith Wynne, Mr. Maybrick, and Herr Behrens.

The pedestrian meeting at Lillie Bridge, on Monday, proved one of the greatest successes of the season. The event was a fifty-mile walking match for prizes of the aggregate value of £50, given by the Earl of Jersey and Messrs. Chinnery and J. G. Chambers. Thirty competitors

had entered their names, and of these five-and-twenty appeared at the post, among them being Vaughan of Chester, who has covered 120 miles in twenty-four hours, and Miles, the fifty-mile champion, who accomplished his distance, in May last, at the Agricultural Hall, in close on eleven minutes under the nine hours. A very salutary regulation was laid down for the present contest, that those who had not covered half the distance in five hours should leave the running path. Miles won the prize of £5 as first man at the end of ten miles, and also the £10 at the end of the first twenty-one miles, which he completed in 3h. 10m. 16s.; but the pace was too good to last, and after going another seven or eight miles, Miles fell out apparently exhausted. This left G. Ide of Woolwich with a good lead as first, Hibbert second, and Vaughan third. Hibbert having been cautioned repeatedly, was at length disqualified, and the race concluded in favour of G. Ide, who passed the winning post in 8h. 19m. 55s. after starting, Vaughan of Chester, 8m. later, being second, Parry of Manchester, 8h. 40m. 28s., third, W. Ide of Woolwich fourth, and then Green, Newman, Hancock, Courtney, Chandler, Emmett and Colman, in the order named. Thus Ide secured the prize of £25, Vaughan £7, and Parry £3, a portion of the gate-money being added in the case of all who completed the full fifty within nine hours. Every arrangement had been made for the reception of visitors. There was covered accommodation for 10,000 persons, the grounds were illuminated after dusk; and, as the weather was fine, there was a very large concourse of spectators, numbering, it is said, about 6,000.

The most conflicting rumours reach this country from the East of Europe, and from the capitals of the Great Powers. One day we hear of Austria having accepted the six months' armistice proposed by Turkey; the next that she has entered into an alliance with Russia, and in the event of the latter power intervening and marching its armies into Bulgaria, will observe a benevolent neutrality. At one time it is said that Germany will hold aloof, leaving events to take their course, and only caring for her own interests; then, that the old Triple Alliance of Germany, Russia, and Austria, which was so abruptly broken by the rejection by Great Britain of the Berlin note, has been renewed. Italy is said to be on the look out for an extension of territory at the expense of Austria, and France views with jealousy the possible aggrandisement of her Italian neighbour. England alone appears to be pursuing the herculean task of attempting to keep the peace of Europe, and it seems more than probable that but for the recent indignation meetings in this country, which are now universally condemned, the achievement of so desirable a consummation was not only possible, but probable. It is no good, however, lamenting mischief which cannot be undone. There is no doubt that were the other Great Powers of Europe as single-minded as this country, it would not be by any means a difficult task to restrain the puny impetuosity of the Servians, or the more formidable filibusterism of Tcherniaeff and his Russian coadjutors. Had Russia been sincere in her efforts for the maintenance of peace, she might have stayed the influx of her soldiers into Servian territory. We admit she has serious difficulties to contend with. We maintain, however, that in the early stages of the struggle between Turkey and her vassal, it was in the power of Russia, had she been so minded, to have confined the war within its original narrow limits. She seems, however, to have seen a chance for extending her dominions in the direction of Constantinople. Accordingly, she is now showing her utter contempt for treaty arrangements. She is massing her forces in the south. She appears to have reduced Roumania to a state of vassalage, so that her troops pass through its territory with the same facility as they move in Russia. She will have nothing to do with a six months' armistice, though she admits that more than six weeks may be necessary in order to secure peace on a firm and durable basis. Russia, indeed, at this moment, is the disturber of the peace of Europe. We owe it to her that trade is depressed, that stocks are falling, and that everywhere the most intense anxiety is felt as to the future progress of events. There is, in fact, no longer any attempt to conceal her iniquitous designs, and she will be responsible for the blood that henceforth may be shed in regard to the Eastern question.

A moveable Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will

be held on Wednesday next under the auspices of the "Fowke Lodge, No. 19," at the New Town Hall, Leicester. The business will include the Consecration of the "Simon de Montfort Lodge, No. 194," and the Installation of Bro. William Barfoot, Prov. G.M., and Mayor of Leicester, as W.M. The banquet will take place at 4 p.m., at Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, tickets (exclusive of wine) 7s 6d, to be obtained of Bro. J. M. McAllister, P.G.M., Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, by to-day. The M. W. the Earl of Limerick, G.M. will preside, supported by R. W. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M.

We see from various public announcements that our esteemed Bro. Sir John Bennett is a candidate for the London School Board. Our Brother, who will doubtless pardon us for speaking of him familiarly as "Father Time," has done some excellent service, both directly and indirectly, in the cause of education, and we wish him every success in the attainment of the distinction he covets.

THE PRINCE AT GLASGOW.

THIS is the second time the Prince of Wales has visited the good city of Glasgow, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of one of its new buildings. On the first occasion, it was the new University which was thus honoured, while on Tuesday, it was the New Post-office. Moreover, Tuesday was the second occasion in Scotland at which his Royal Highness has performed the solemn ceremonial with Masonic honours. As our brethren are probably aware, the Prince was formally installed as Grand Patron of the Order in Scotland at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge held on 12th October 1870, during the Grand Mastership of the late Earl of Dalhousie, better known perhaps to the general public as Lord Panmure. The installation was a very brilliant affair, and at the close of it, the Prince was affiliated to Lodge of Edinburgh (St. Mary's Chapel) No. 1. The following day the Prince, as Grand Patron, laid the foundation stone of the new Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, supported by G.M. the Earl of Dalhousie, the Grand Officers, and upwards of four thousand brethren, among the principal dignitaries being the Junior Grand Warden of Scotland, Bro. Col. Campbell, of Blytheswood, Renfrewshire, whose guest the Prince was in the early part of this week. The Princess of Wales was likewise a spectator of both these Masonic ceremonies. We give full particulars of the Glasgow ceremonial in another part of our columns. Suffice it to say here, that in all respects, save the weather, the day passed off most successfully, the gathering of Freemasons being worthy both of Glasgow and its neighbourhood, and the importance of the occasion.

NEW ZEALAND.

A Correspondent writes: You will be very sorry to hear of the death of Brother Past Master Diethelm, of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1338, Auckland, New Zealand, which took place on the 21st August, from inflammation of the lungs. Bro. Diethelm was one of the founders, and a most active member of the Prince of Wales Lodge, and it was mainly through his energies and ability that the Lodge so rapidly rose to the position it now holds, that of the leading Lodge under the English Constitution in the north of New Zealand. His funeral was attended by, amongst others, Bro. G. P. Pierce, Prov. G.M. Irish Constitution; Bro. G. S. Graham, P.M. Waitemata 689, English Constitution; Bro. G. N. Brassey P.M. Prince of Wales 1338; Bro. Wade P.M. Waitemata 689, and many other brethren of the United Service Lodge, Lodge of St. Andrew, Waitemata Lodge, Prince of Wales Lodge, Ara Lodge, as well as the members of the German Association, and of the Choral Society, of which the deceased was a prominent member. Several private carriages also attended, amongst whom were those of Bro. Chas. Goldsbro M.D., P.M. Ara Lodge, Irish Constitution; Mr. F. M. P. Brookfield, Crown Prosecutor, Mr. H. S. Meyers, Mr. Von der Heyde, Mr. Thomas Macfarlane, and other gentlemen.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—PURE BLOOD.—As this vital fluid, when in a healthy state, sustains and renovates every part of the living system, so when it becomes impoverished or impure it exerts a precisely contrary effect. It is abundantly manifest that any medicine which does not reach the circulation can ever exterminate the disease; but any preparation capable of exercising a sanitary influence over the blood, must with it be carried to every living fibre of the frame. The lungs, heart, liver, kidneys, and skin, all receive benefits from its more wholesome condition. Holloway's purifying Pills operate directly, powerfully, and beneficially, upon the whole mass of blood, whether venous or arterial. They strengthen the stomach, excite the liver and kidneys, expel disease, and prolong existence.

GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE Installation meeting was held on Saturday last, at Cannon-st. Hotel, E.C. Present—Bros. J. Hamilton Townend W.M., J. Seex S.W., R. Stanway J.W., E. Moody P.M. Secretary, James Freeman Treasurer, G. W. Blackie S.D., W. H. Catchpole J.D., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., Chaplain, W. H. Hook Organist, Thomas Hamer D.C., Charles Taylor and W. F. Kibble Stewards, James Freeman Treas. as I.G., W. Steadman Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. N. B. Headon and James Stevens. Visitors—Bros. Fenn, J. Hervey, Cox, Cottebrune, and several others. Business—The minutes of the last Lodge meeting and of the Lodge of Emergency having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. C. S. Cartwright and L. C. Libessart, both of whom were subsequently initiated. The installation of Bro. J. Seex P.M. then took place, the ceremony being ably performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. Seex then invested his officers as follow:—Bros. R. Stanway S.W., James Freeman J.W., E. Moody P.M. Secretary, N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Blackie S.D., W. H. Catchpole J.D., Rev. R. J. Simpson Chaplain, G. Jenkins Org., Charles Taylor D.C., W. F. Kibble and W. H. Hook Stewards, Thomas Hamer I.G., W. Steadman Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee having been adopted, a jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. James Freeman, with the thanks of the brethren, on his resignation of the office of Treasurer. A proposition was handed in and the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, where a sumptuous repast was served. Grace after meat having been sung, the W.M. rose and proposed the health of the Queen; Masonry and Loyalty, he said, had ever gone hand in hand, and he was sure the brethren would give the toast a hearty welcome. The next toast was that of the Grand Master, and in proposing it the W.M. referred to the position occupied by his Royal Highness in the Craft. "God Save the Queen" and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" were sung after the above toasts; in the latter, Bro. Hook (who had the direction of the musical arrangements) gave, in first rate style, a verse composed by himself. The W.M. then gave the R.W. the Pro Grand Master The Earl of Carnarvon, whose services, he said, were unequalled; he was entitled to our best respect and esteem. The capital four-part song, "I love my love in the morning," was then sung. In proposing the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, the W.M. remarked that Grand Lodge was formed of those brethren who have gained distinction in the Craft. The toast was a very comprehensive one, and he was pleased to see so many members of Grand Lodge at the table with him. He noticed, especially, one of the oldest members, Bro. Cox, and likewise Bros. John Hervey, Cottebrune, Simpson, Fenn, and others, who he was pleased to see, and would always be welcome. Bro. Cox P.G.C. said it gave him great satisfaction to respond to the toast. He was gratified to see the way the brethren honoured the names of the Grand Officers. The great work of our Order was, he said, in full activity. That afternoon there had been the election for the Girls' School, and on Monday that of the Boys' would take place. Bro. Fenn considered it rather unfortunate to be second in responding to the toast. The Grand Officers would always devote themselves to the interests of the Craft, and in illustration of this he drew the attention of the brethren to the fact that on the 24th Nov. the Fifteen Sections would be worked at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, on which occasion the Earl of Carnarvon would preside, and eight of the Sections would be worked by Grand Officers. Bro. Seex, in responding to the "W.M. of the Great City Lodge," which was proposed by the I.P.M., said he had the pleasure of presiding for the first time over one of the most important Lodges in the City of London, and nothing should be wanting on his part to render him worthy of the position he occupied. He then proposed "The Initiates," of whom there were seven, five having been initiated at a Lodge of Emergency, and two that evening; he hoped they would all prove themselves worthy members. "The Visitors" was next proposed. The W.M. said that it was a toast that was always received at the "Great City" with enthusiasm. He was always glad to see visitors, and they would always find a welcome. He hoped they had given them some instruction in the Lodge, and some pleasure at the table. He was proud of the number of brethren who were mentioned on the list as visitors, and trusted they had spent a pleasant evening. Bros. Cottebrune, Swallow W.M. 1563, Dyer and others replied. The health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Townend, was then given by the W.M., who said the way in which Bro. Townend had conducted the business of the Lodge had won him the esteem of the brethren, and as a mark of their gratitude, he had the honour of presenting him a Past Master's jewel, which he hoped would long be worn by the brother. Bro. Townend expressed regret at being no longer W.M. of the Great City Lodge, but was pleased to know he had gained the approval of the brethren. He considered the moment one of the proudest of his life, he could not say the proudest, as he considered when he retired from the chair of his Mother Lodge that that was the proudest position a Mason could occupy. The "Past Masters" was responded to by Bros. Headon and Stevens. Bro. Hervey G.S. rose and proposed the next toast, which he would take the liberty of altering; it stood "Prosperity to the Great City Lodge." He would suggest the addition of the word "continued," for he was sure they would all admit that the Lodge has been, from the first, prosperous. Three years ago he had the pleasure of consecrating the Lodge, and he now considered himself in the light of its father. On the occasion of the consecration upwards of 200 members were present, and he was supported by first-class brethren, the Wardens' chairs being, on that occasion, filled by Bros. Fenn and Savage, the latter of whom was, he regretted to say, no more. All who witnessed that ceremony went away highly gratified. He had brought the Lodge into existence, and he was pleased to see the way in which the work was done. The prosperity of the Lodge was due to its Past Masters, who had worked hard, and he considered it was greatly to the credit of the Lodge that recruits came to it from all parts of London. He was pleased with his visit, and thanked the brethren for their hospitality.

The W.M., in proposing the "Treasurer and Secretary," said he had a pleasing duty to perform, which was to present to Bro. Freeman, their late Treasurer, a jewel, which he hoped he would wear as a recognition by the brethren of the duties he had so willingly undertaken. Bro. Freeman suitably responded. The Secretary, the W.M. considered, was the most important officer in the Lodge, and he had to thank Bro. Moody for what he had done, and to ask for his valuable assistance in the future. The I.P.M. took this opportunity of publicly thanking the Secretary for the assistance he had rendered during the past year, and hoped that future Masters would have him as a guide. Bro. Moody was gratified at the remarks of the W.M. and I.P.M. He found that the duties of Secretary to so large a Lodge occupied a great deal of time, and if he did appear another year as Secretary, all he wanted was to meet with a reception such as had just been accorded to him, even though it might be as "Past" Secretary. "The Masonic Charities," "The Officers," and the "Tyler's" toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close. The musical programme of Bro. W. H. Hook, who was assisted by Miss Jessie Royd and Messrs. Bernard, Daniel, Morgan, and Bamford, was most praiseworthy, and only "the flight of time" stopped the enthusiasm of the brethren, who frequently called for encores.

It is only right we should bear testimony to the increasing zeal and earnestness of our Lodges of Instruction. Next week on no less than three evenings will our London readers have an opportunity of hearing the Fifteen Sections worked, and that too in a highly creditable manner. Tuesday evening is set apart for this purpose by the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney; Wednesday by the Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; and Friday by the Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Approach Road, Victoria Park. The following are the lists of those brethren who will work the Sections at the several Lodges above named; and as there are those among our readers who have their special "fancy" for this or that exponent or instructor, it is highly probable there will be a strong muster each evening. For this reason, and in order that our constituents may be in a position to compare the several renderings, we give the full lists of those who will take part in the business of the respective meetings.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.

Tuesday 24th October.

1st Section by	...	...	Bro. Dallas 1524
2nd "	"	"	" W. J. Smith 860
3rd "	"	"	" E. T. Worsley, J.D. 860
4th "	"	"	" Allen, S.D. 733
5th "	"	"	" Brown, S.W. 1607
6th "	"	"	" Horsley 933
7th "	"	"	" Turquand, P.M. 1556 & 890
1st Section by	...	...	Bro. Cambridge, J.W. 15
2nd "	"	"	" Hogarth 1107
3rd "	"	"	" Howlett 141 [1607
4th "	"	"	" Webb, 1196, I.G. 174, & J.W.
5th "	"	"	" T. Austin, P.M. 933
1st Section by	...	...	Bro. Wallington, P.M. 860
2nd "	"	"	" Ashburner, P.M. 1278
3rd "	"	"	" Perrin, W.M. 1056.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.

Wednesday 25th October.

1st Section by	...	...	Bro. C. A. Grammer 27
2nd "	"	"	" C. Pare, S.D. 185
3rd "	"	"	" G. L. Walker 429
4th "	"	"	" S. J. Turquand, P.M. 1556
5th "	"	"	" W. Minto, P.M. 1349
6th "	"	"	" J. Horsley 933
7th "	"	"	" W. Yetton, P.M. 933
1st Section by	...	...	Bro. D. Posener, W.M. 1227
2nd "	"	"	" J. B. Hogarth 1107
3rd "	"	"	" J. Constable, P.M. 185
4th "	"	"	" C. H. Webb, I.G. 174
5th "	"	"	" A. Ellis 933 and 27
1st Section by	...	...	Bro. I. P. Cohen, S.W. 205
2nd "	"	"	" Williams 933
3rd "	"	"	" T. Austin, P.M. 933

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.

Friday 27th October.

1st Section by	...	...	Bro. Weige, S.D. 860
2nd "	"	"	" Smith W.S. 860
3rd "	"	"	" Chitson 1278
4th "	"	"	" Ashburner, P.M. 1278
5th "	"	"	" Webb, I.G. 174
6th "	"	"	" Radderforth 12
7th "	"	"	" T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 & 933
1st Section by	...	...	Bro. Cambridge, J.W. 15
2nd "	"	"	" Hogarth 1107
3rd "	"	"	" Howlett 141
4th "	"	"	" Turquand, P.M. 1556
5th "	"	"	" Ellis 933
1st Section by	...	...	Bro. Wallington, P.M. 860
2nd "	"	"	" Allen, S.D. 733
3rd "	"	"	" Berry, W.M. 554

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, 21st OCTOBER.

Audit Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. —Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
R. A. 1333—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square, W., at 3.

MONDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem, St. John's-sq., Clerkenwell, at 8. (Instruction.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
183—Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate, E.C.
R. A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
R. A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
M. M. 148—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
M.M.—Prov. Grand Lodge of Lancashire, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.

TUESDAY, 24th OCTOBER.

Audit Committee, Girls' School, Battersea-risc, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, The Restaurant, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.
205—Israel Cannon-street Hotel.
86J—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1158—Southern Star, Montpelier Tavern, Walworth.
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michaels' Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

251—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
R.A.—103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
R. A. 823—Everson, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
M.M.—Prov. Grand Lodge of Warwickshire and Staffordshire, Athol Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.

WEDNESDAY, 25th OCTOBER.

193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, 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—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1039—St. John's, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1479—Halsey, St. Albans, Herts.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York.
Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, under the auspices of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19; Prov. Grand Lodge M.M.M. of Leicestershire and Consecration of Simon de Montfort Lodge, No. 191, at New Town Hall, Leicester at 1.45.

THURSDAY, 26th OCTOBER.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1280—Hervey, 152 Fulham-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—Great City, 111 Cheapside, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Romford.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
966—St. Edward's, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1343—St. John's, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Osborn-street, Hull.
R. A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
R. A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.

FRIDAY, 27th OCTOBER.

560—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road.
861—Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Islington, N.
993—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 7.30. (Instruction.)
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts.
R. A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.

SATURDAY, 28th OCTOBER.

109—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. —Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
1203—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
1511—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
1637—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton, at 2.30. (Consecration.)

WEST YORKSHIRE.

WEDNESDAY.

304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1293—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby-bridge.

THURSDAY.

208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, 5th Parade, Fieldersfield.
337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.

FRIDAY.

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

SATURDAY.

R. A. 309—Affability, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharnciffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

MONDAY.

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

WEDNESDAY.

1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow.
M. M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

THURSDAY.

636—De Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
1418—Fraternity, Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-road, Stockton-on-Tees.
R. A. 424—De Burgh, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
R. A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.

FRIDAY.

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

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—340—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, Cockburn-street.
R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—112—St. John Fisherrow, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.
THURSDAY—392—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.
FRIDAY—223—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

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

MONDAY—102—St. Mark's, St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
TUESDAY—419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.
R. A. 67—Cathedral, 24 Struthers-street, 4 o'clock.
WEDNESDAY—510—Maryhill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill.
R. A. 73—Caledonian of Unity, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
THURSDAY—Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, St. Mark's Hall, 213 Buchanan-street.
570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.
R. A. 117—Govan, Portland Hall, Govan.
FRIDAY—R. A. 79—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
SATURDAY—28—St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.
305—St. John's, Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The regular weekly meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday last, under the presidency of the following officers: G. K. Lemann Z., J. Constable H., J. Wyer J., John Boyd Treasurer, E. S. Norris Assist. Scribe E., John C. Cox N., J. W. Berrie P.S. Upon the Chapter being opened, the minutes of the last convocation were confirmed, and the Auditor's report for the past twelve months was also adopted. The ceremony of exaltation was completely rehearsed by the principals, Comp. W. V. Bedolfe acting as candidate. Companion Boyd next gave an explanation of the solids, to the intense gratification of all present, and when we remark that this elucidation occupied twenty minutes in delivery, some idea may be gathered of the study required to perform this arduous task. Comp. Annett was elected a member. The following Comps. were appointed officers for the ensuing fortnight: J. Constable Z., J. Wyer H., John C. Cox J., G. Newman Scribe N., J. W. Berrie P.S. The Chapter was then closed. There were also present Comps. Bull, G. J. Row, Waterroll, Wagstaff, Wyer, Wyatt, H. Darcy, and G. Darcy.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its meeting on Thursday evening last, at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules, Leadenhall-street. Present—Bros. Hollands W.M., Grammer S.W., Biddle J.W., Ellis S.D., Hill J.D., Brown I.G., Austin P.M. Preceptor, and several other brethren. The 3rd degree was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Powell as candidate. Lodge resumed to the 1st degree, and the 1st and 2nd sections were worked by Bro. Horsley, the 3rd by Bro. Webb, and the 4th by Bro. Ellis, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lipschitz, of No. 15, was elected a member. All Masonic business being ended the Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Thursday evening next, when Bro. Grammer will preside.

Chapter 50.—This Chapter held its first meeting for the year at 213 Buchanan-street, on Thursday, the 6th inst., Comp. Win. Bell Z. presiding, J. Balfour P.Z. of 76 as H., C. McKeuzie J. A Lodge of Mark Masters was opened, and one candidate advanced to that degree by Comp. J. O. Park P.Z. 122. Comp. J. Ferguson was then affiliated as a regular Scotch R.A. Mason, and the Chapter closed in due form.

Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73.—A Convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday, 12th Oct., at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Comps. H. A. Dubois Z., J. W. Baldwin H., J. Mason J., F. Walter P.G.A. 1st Asst. Soj. Middlesex, E. Harris P.Z. Comp. W. Smeed P.Z. opened the Chapter, when the minutes were read and confirmed. Ballots were taken for the candidates on the agenda paper for exaltation. Several notices of motion were given, and candidates proposed. Comp. T. W. Clarke was present as a visitor, and proposed as a joining member. The Chapter was then closed until the 9th November. The company partook of a capital banquet, where the usual toasts were given.

Commercial Chapter, No. 79.—This Chapter held its installation meeting on Thursday, the 7th October, at 30 Hope-street. The Chapter was opened by D. Lamb, assisted by the whole of his

officers, when he called on Comp. J. Duthie P.Z. of 67, as representing the senior Chapter, to preside. Comp. J. Duthie as Z., assisted by Comp. Wheeler Z. of 73 as H., and J. Brodie P.Z. 79 as J., proceeded to instal the following Comps.:—D. Lamb Z., J. Munro as Leputy 1st Principal (by dispensation), J. W. Mason H., R. Brodie J., J. M. Oliver S.E., W. Ratteray S.N., J. Reid T., W. Duncan 1st S., C. McRobbie 2nd (the 3rd not present), and J. Mennech Janitor. From the financial report the Chapter appears to be in a flourishing condition.

Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174.—The members of this well-known and old established Lodge held their first meeting of the season on Wednesday, at the Guildhall Hotel, Gresham Street, City. The members assembled at Five o'clock, in strong force, and the W.M., Brother William Thomas Wells, took the chair. He was supported by Bros. Hilliard S.W., John Appleby J.W., Rawley P.M. Treasurer, John Newton P.M. Secretary, Seddons S.D., Dunstan J.D., Webb I.G., Verry Tyler. There were also present, Bros. P.M.'s E. J. Moore, Lacey, Bulmer, Barlow and Tuck, while amongst the Visitors we may notice Bros. James Terry, E. G. Legge, W. P. Wyatt, Alf. Ellis, C. A. Baxter, T. E. Scott, J. Scott, H. Bremer, C. E. Toppet, J. P. Large, E. M. Beedell, W. W. Morgan, &c. As invariably happens with this Lodge, the business paper was a heavy one, and the proceedings commenced with the customary formalities. When the minutes of the last meeting had received confirmation, Bro. Wells vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Rawley P.M., who was anxious to perform the ceremony of initiation in favour of his son, Mr. Walter John Rawley, who, with Mr. Griffith Jones, had just sustained successfully the ordeal of the ballot. The ceremony was admirably rendered by Bro. Rawley, and produced a deep impression on the candidate. Bro. Wells now resumed the chair, and initiated Mr. Griffith Jones. The ballot was next taken, favourably, for Bro. Charles Augustus Baxter, of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1003. Bro. P.M. John Newton now, by the kindness of the W.M., took the chair, and performed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Canese, of Lodge Casarée, being the candidate. The work was performed in Bro. Newton's best style, and was deservedly commended by all present. Bro. Wells then raised Bro. Page, and this brought the ceremonial portion of the proceedings to a close. Several communications were read by the Secretary, and commented on by the brethren; the resignation of a member was accepted, and the Secretary instructed to communicate with the retiring member, expressing the regret of the brethren. The worthy Treasurer warmly advocated the cause of a distressed brother, who was formerly a member of the Lodge. On his motion, which was seconded by Bro. P.M. Lacey, a sum of five pounds was unanimously voted from the Benevolent Fund in connection with the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a substantial repast, which was capitally served. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Wells gave the Loyal and Masonic toasts customary on these occasions. Bro. E. J. Moore I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., which was well received and briefly responded to. The W.M. then gave the toast of the Initiates, and expressed the pleasure it afforded every member of the Lodge at seeing the son of their highly respected brother the Treasurer amongst them. He hoped both Bro. Rawley jun. and his fellow initiate, Bro. Griffith Jones, would always have occasion to look back with satisfaction at the day on which they had joined our Order. The Entered Apprentice Song was done ample justice to by Bro. J. Newton. The compliment paid them was briefly acknowledged by the newly made brethren. The toast of the Past Masters brought forth a response from Bro. Moore. The W.M. on again rising said, he had now a most pleasing duty to perform. It was that of presenting to their respected P.M. and Treasurer, Bro. S. H. Rawley, an illuminated Testimonial, together with a Tea and Coffee Service, which had been subscribed for by the members as a slight recognition of the ability and energy Bro. Rawley had displayed during the time of his connection with the Lodge, a connection which had lasted 25 years, and one that had been of a most pleasing and gratifying character. Bro. Wells then read the address, as follows:—

THE LODGE OF SINCERITY, ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED
MASONS OF ENGLAND, No. 174.

In accordance with a resolution passed by the Lodge, 17th May 1876, this Testimonial was presented, together with a Silver Tea and Coffee Service, to

W. BRO. SAMUEL H. RAWLEY, P.M. and Treasurer,
on the completion of Twenty-five years of Membership, by the brethren, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him during that period, and as a token of the esteem entertained towards him, and also for the kindness and ability displayed in his government of the Lodge as a Past Master and Treasurer. 18th October 1876.

Signed by the Testimonial Committee, on behalf of the brethren.

T. W. Wells W.M., Chairman.

Charles Lacey Treasurer	J. M. Dunstan J.D.
John Bulmer P.M.	C. H. Webb. I.G.
Wm. C. Barlow P.M.	G. Jones D.C.
John Newton Secretary	John Miller W.S.
E. J. Moore P.M.	J. Burchill
G. J. Hilliard S.W.	W. T. Roberts
Bro. Appleby J.W.	J. S. Fraser
G. Seddon S.D.	James Thomas.

The illuminated testimonial was handed round, and all present expressed approval with the artistic way in which it had been executed. We heard a whisper that it was the work of Bro. Jas. Terry. If this be correct, we feel almost inclined to crave the favour of an idea or two from our energetic Secretary, as to how he manages to get through all the work that falls to his lot and, yet finds time for such delicate manipulation as is here evidenced. Bro. P.M. Rawley, who, on rising, was most enthusiastically received, said, That twenty-five years ago, that very night, he was initiated in the

Sincerity Lodge. He spoke of the visits he had paid to other Lodges, and commented on the good fellowship that he had always experienced. He sometimes regretted that he had not earlier paid attention to what, at the present day, was so well looked after, he referred to their noble Charities. He remembered the day when there was not more than forty Lodges who subscribed to the Benevolent Institution, but now all present were aware of what was being done. He then spoke of the kind way in which his appeal for a distressed brother had been responded to in the Lodge that evening, and concluded his remarks by thanking the brethren for the handsome gifts they had presented him with. The chairman announced that Bro. Charles Blaine had communicated to him that it was his intention to give, in the course of a few weeks, a musical entertainment at the Bow and Bromley Institute, when the profits would be presented to one of our Masonic Institutions. Bro. Blaine had also intimated that, being impressed with the able manner in which Bro. E. J. Moore had initiated, passed and raised him, he was desirous to present him with a portrait, which he had executed, and which he hoped he, Bro. Moore, would be pleased to accept, at the same time requesting Bro. Wells to take upon himself the task of presenting the same. Bro. Wells then handed to Bro. Moore a capital likeness, painted in oil, which the latter suitably acknowledged. The remaining toasts comprised the Visitors, responded to by Bros. Legge and Morgan; the Masonic Charities, by Bro. Terry; the Officers, by the S.W. and others. The Tyler was then called for, and the evening's proceedings, which throughout were of a most interesting character, were brought to a close.

Era Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 176.—The above Lodge met on Friday, 13th October, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bro. H. A. Dubois I.P.M. and Treasurer, in the absence of Bro. Dr. John Baxter Langley W.M., who was unavoidably absent, occupied the chair. Bros. Rev. P.M. Holden S.W. and Chaplain, J. Horton J.W., R. P. Jebb as M.O., A. F. Loos M.O., J. Johnson J.O., T. Poore R. of M.'s, F. Walters P.G.P. P.M. Secretary, H. C. Levander as S.D., J. B. Shackleton J.D., R. Meyer Organist, J. H. Dodson, and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots were unanimously taken in favour of G. S. Elliott J.W. 1623, Henry Meyer I.G. 1524, D. Smith 1326, and W. Prattent 1326, who were all advanced to the ancient and honourable degree of Mark Masters by Bro. T. Poore. Bro. David Smith was appointed Assistant Secretary. Bro. Jas. Stevens P.P.G. Secretary Middlesex and Surrey, was unanimously elected an honorary member. Several candidates were proposed for advancement. A notice of motion was given, and the Lodge was closed until Friday 9th February 1877. The usual banquet followed. Harmony prevailed, and the brethren separated after passing a very agreeable evening.

Domestic Lodge, No. 177.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, 13th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. G. Everett I.P.M. occupied the chair, in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Treadwell (who was unable to be present owing to a fracture of his knee cap), James Willing jun. S.W., Palmer J.W., J. Smith P.G.P. Treasurer, Williams W.M. elect 1507 Secretary, Buscall S.D., Clarke J.D., White I.G.; and Bros. Plummer, Purchase, Smith, Bennett, J. Abrams, Harris, Sherlock, Pintrey, Braid, Bird, Zoebeli, Wigmore, Montague, Billingham, &c. Bro. R. S. Mendey, Temple Lodge, No. 101, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bros. Killingback and Jewell were raised to the 3rd degree, Bro. Walter Miller was balloted for and duly initiated. This being the first meeting since the vacation showed the working had not deteriorated, and complimentary remarks were made. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, 95 in number, sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Clemow, and superintended by Bro. W. Smith, that gave satisfaction. The acting W.M. presided in his usual genial and happy manner. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to. Each brother present expressed his deep regret at the W.M.'s sad accident, and all wished him a speedy recovery. A very agreeable evening was passed. The Visitors were Bros. Draper W.M. 1305, Rowe S.W. 167, Hollis P.M. 167, Butt 1623, Fowler J.W. 1305, Schlesinger 704, Walls 1381, and Carter S.W. 212.

Drogheda Lodge, No. 411.—A regular meeting was held on 12th October, at the Masonic Hall, Drogheda. Present—Bros. Whitty W.M., Harbinson P.M. as S.W., Dean P.M. as J.W.; Griffin S.D., Preston J.D., Rev. F. Hannan Chaplain, Supple I.G., Browne Tyler, F. E. Clarke P.M. Secretary and Treasurer. Business transacted—Bro. A. H. Ormsley was raised to the high and sublime degree. The officers for 1877 were proposed, to be balloted for next night of meeting.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W. Present—Bros. Woods W.M., T. Cull S.W., Bentley J.W., Wray S.D., Docker J.D., Farwig I.G., Mander Preceptor; also Bros. G. Davis, Weeks, Gillard, Blundell, Collins, Watts, Wilkins, and T. Davis. The Lodge was opened and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Weeks acting as candidate. The first, second and third sections were then worked. Lodge resumed; sixth and seventh sections of the first degree worked. Bro. Cull S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Secretary was desired to convey the thanks of the brethren to the members of the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction for the handsome reception given by them on the occasion of the working of the Fifteen Sections, on the 17th inst. Lodge closed in perfect harmony.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held its first monthly meeting of the season on Wednesday, the 11th of October, at the Masonic Hall, Grey Friars-road, Reading. Present—Bros.

John Tom Freeman P.P.G.S. Berks and Bucks W.M., Edward Margrett W.M. elect S.W., Arthur Welch J.W., William P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, John T. Stransom Treasurer, William Geo. Flanagan S.D., W. Ferguson Steward acting J.D., William Walford Ridley D.C., Thomas Newman Steward, J. Early Danks I.G., William Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Hurley, Egginton, Brown, Weightman. Hon. Members, Bros. Bulley P.M., Moxhay P.M. and Installing Master. Members—Bros. W. A. Hukins, F. W. White, Henry White, Thomas J. Cottrell, E. J. Blackwell, W. J. Brown, John Rose, E. J. Tabor, T. J. Pulley, J. Robinson, Lt.-Col. B. Heathcote, J. H. Hawkes, W. E. Bryant, B. W. Hammett, &c. Visitors—Bros. S. Bradley 414, F. Davis 414, W. Farr W.M. 1566, Seymour Smith W.M. 742, Alfred Wilkins St. Pauls, U.S.A., W. Rhind 97, S. Wheeler jun. 414, Henry Ayres 414, McDonald 820, M. J. Withers 414, R. Eve P.M. 723, G. Botley P.M. 414, W. L. Nash 702, J. A. Wild 96, H. C. Margrett 493, A. W. Bezant 120, J. Dow P.M. 694, F. W. Albany 414, Robert Bradley P.M. 414, A. M. Yetts W.M. 414, C. Stephens I.G. 414, &c. This being the first meeting after the recess, an unusually large number of the fraternity assembled to congratulate the new Master on his installation. The W.M. opened the Lodge in the first degree; the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. W. Hilder for initiation, who was declared to be duly elected; the ballot was taken for Bro. Hammett, formerly of this Lodge, as a joining member, and he was declared to be elected; the ballot was taken for Bro. E. J. Tabor, formerly of this Lodge, as a joining member, and he was declared to be elected; the ballot was taken for Bro. T. J. Pulley 340 as a joining member, and he was declared to be elected. Mr. William Hilder was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. in a very correct and impressive manner. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. The W.M. previous to resigning his Gavel into the hands of Bro. Moxhay, Installing Master, begged to express his sincere thanks to his officers and the brethren generally for the kindness and courtesy he had received during his year of office. He then retired from the chair, and introduced to the I.M. Bro. Margrett S.W., who had been elected by the members to fill the chair for the ensuing year. Bro. Margrett, after replying to the usual questions in the affirmative, and having given his unqualified assent to the ancient charges, as read by the Secretary, was duly installed into the chair of K.S., amid the salutations of the Board of P.M.'s, the M.M.'s, the F.C.'s, and the E.A.'s. The addresses by the Installing Master were given most impressively, and with his usual correctness. The appointment and investment of the officers took place as follows: Bro. J. T. Freeman I.P.M., A. Welch S.W., W. G. Flanagan J.W., Rev. C. R. Hone Chaplain, J. T. Stransom Treasurer, W. P. Ivey Secretary, J. Early Danks S.D., W. Ferguson J.D., R. Dowsett D.C., E. J. Blackwell, I.G., T. Newman and W. W. Ridley Stewards. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the Installing Master. Bro. Early seconded, and it was carried by acclamation. The Installing Master replied, stating it was at all times a great pleasure to him to meet the brethren of 1101, and it would afford him much pleasure to render any assistance when required. The W.M. proposed, as a joining member, Bro. William Rhind, of Englefield; the I.P.M., seconded. The I.P.M. proposed Bro. L. W. Moule, formerly of this Lodge, as a joining member; Bro. Tabor seconded. The labours of the evening being ended the Lodge was closed according to ancient form, amid the congratulations and hearty good wishes of the visitors, when the brethren retired for refreshment to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Bailey, to which about sixty sat down. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. In reply to the toast of the M.W.G.M. and the Grand Officers, Bro. F. Binckes P.G. Steward and Secretary of the R.M.I.B. stated, That when the Craft had received what was intended to be a death blow to the fraternity, His Royal Highness stepped forward to fill up the gap that had been insidiously made; consequently, the unparalleled meeting at the Albert Hall Installation, and the unprecedented increase of members and Lodges must convince the enemies of the Order that the light of Masonry is not to be put out by their craftiness. During the evening the W.M., in the name of the Lodge, presented Bro. Freeman I.P.M. with an elegant P.M. jewel as a complimentary reward for services rendered during his year of office, unanimously voted by the Lodge, which was felicitously acknowledged by the I.P.M. After spending a most agreeable evening the brethren separated.

Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. J. H. Watts W.M., E. J. Harty S.W., A. Taylor J.W., J. Mander P.M. Treasurer, Watts P.M. Secretary, Saull S.D., Barber J.D., Pochin as I.G., and several brethren. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. The business consisted of raising two, and passing three brethren. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Barber J.D. for his valuable present to the Lodge of a volume of the Sacred Law. This to be recorded on the minutes. The Lodge was then closed.

Asaph Chapter, No. 1319.—A Convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday, 16th inst., at two o'clock, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields. Bro. E. Stanton occupied the chair as M.E.Z. J. Weaver P.Z., H. J. Read J.W., A. Tinney S.E., F. Burgess Treasurer, — Chamberlain P.S., Wellard 2nd assistant, Comps. A. Swanborough, Thomas, and Hanson. The Chapter was opened and the minutes of the former Convocation were read and confirmed. Bros. W. H. Stephenson and H. Cox were duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. The Chapter was then closed and the brethren separated. Companion T. A. Adams P.Z. was present as a visitor.

Era Lodge, No. 1423.—This flourishing Lodge met on Saturday, 14th October, at the Kings Arms Hotel, Hampton Court. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Dr. Jas. Baxter Langley, Bro. J. W. Baldwin P.A.G.P. Middlesex, presided. Bros. E. H. Thiellay

P.G.S.B. Middlesex S.W., T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex J.W., F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex Secretary, J. Mason P.G.S. Organist, J. Johnson D.C., W. Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M., E. W. Devoreux S.D., S. Wolff J.D., A. F. Loos I.G., C. H. Beckwith, J. H. Pearson, G. S. Elliot, J. S. Sweasey, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The bye-laws were read, and the election for W.M. took place. Bro. E. H. Thiellay P.G.S.B. Middlesex being selected to fill that office, H. A. Dubois P.G.S.D. Middlesex re-elected Treasurer, J. Gilbert P.G.T. Middlesex re-elected Tyler. Bros. E. Beckwith, J. H. Pearson and F. H. Harvey were elected auditors, and the audit committee were appointed to meet on the 20th January 1877. Several notices of motion were given respecting the bye-laws. It was also proposed that twelve guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge for a jewel, to be presented to Bro. Dr. J. Baxter Langley on his retirement from the chair. A sum of £10 was also voted for the Female Annuity Fund, to be presented in the name of the Secretary of the Lodge for the time being. Several candidates were proposed for admission. It was then arranged that a Lodge of Emergency be held on 9th December, so that all the work could be completed before the installation. The Lodge was then closed. The visitors were Bros. T. David P.P.G.S.B. Devon P.M. 39, J. B. Shackleton S.W. 1524, J.D. 1326, G. Dore 376, B. Meyer 1326, H. Meyer I.G. 1524, &c.

Chiltern Lodge, No. 1470.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Town Hall, Danstable. Present—Bros. F. Howell W.M., Haselgrove S.W., Randall J.W., Saunders Secretary, Cobley Treasurer, Monk as S.D., Sinkwell J.D., Rev. C. B. Harris Chaplain, Cutler as I.G., Day Tyler; Hopkins, Hayter, Gard, Beart, Crow, Ballans, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the ballot having been successfully taken for two gentlemen, Messrs. Hayter and Stevenson, and they being in attendance, were regularly initiated, in that careful manner which so eminently distinguishes the working of this Lodge. The charge was impressively delivered by the S.W. (who is also a P.M. of No. 475, Luton). The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.—The third installation meeting of this Lodge, which now numbers over 80 members, was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville-road, Bro. J. J. Michael W.M. in the chair, T. Williams S.W., R. T. Kingham J.W., Rose Treasurer, Tims P.M. Secretary, and a large number of brethren and visitors. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of March 16th and the Emergency Meeting were confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was adopted. Bros. Brooker and Bosshart were raised. Messrs. Wrigley, Knight, Tack, Deconff and Lefevre were passed. These ceremonies being perfectly rendered by Bro. Michael. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. T. Williams, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the Lodge by Bro. Jas. Willing jun., and duly installed into the chair by Bro. J. J. Michael. The customary salutations having been given, on the re-admission of the brethren the officers were invested. Bros. Kingham S.W., J. Douglass J.W., Rose Treasurer, Tims Secretary, C. Scales S.D., Side J.D., W. M. Stiles I.G., Colls D.C., H. Stiles W.S., Daley Tyler. The W.M. made some very pertinent remarks in investing these brethren. Pursuant to a notice of motion by Bro. Cheek, which was seconded by Bro. Kingham S.W., a committee was formed to consider and report on the advisability of removing the Lodge. The new W.M. then said he had a pleasing duty to perform; that of presenting a testimonial to one who had already received the honours of the Lodge, honours which he well merited. He had great pleasure, on behalf of the Lodge, to present to Bro. Jas. Willing jun. a souvenir of the respect he was held in by every member of the Lodge; he hoped he would live for many years, and let his children know the respect felt for him by the Metropolitan Lodge. Bro. Jas. Willing returned thanks for the kind expressions of the W.M.; his aim was to do everything for the comfort of the brethren; he would remember with pride the kind remarks of the W.M., which would never be effaced from his memory. It was a pleasant surprise to him, and it would be an incentive to do all he could for the comfort of the Metropolitan Lodge. Hearty good wishes having been given by all the brethren and visitors, the Lodge was closed until 3rd Thursday in November. The customary banquet followed, where Bro. Williams presided. The toasts were fully honoured, and, in the course of the evening, a P.M.'s jewel, which was of a most substantial and elegant character, was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. J. J. Michael.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, Hampton.—The installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday. Present—Bros. E. Hopwood P.M. 141 W.M., W. Hammond I.P.M., S. Hill S.W., J. Hurst J.W. and W.M. elect, C. W. Fox J.D., J. C. Jessett I.G., T. W. Ockenden D.C., and a large number of brethren. Visitors—Bros. Wilson P.M. Etonian, Elsam P.M. 201, Fisher, Gotterbeck, &c. Bro. W. Hammond passed Bros. Errington, Finch and Murphy. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Bro. Hopwood being Installing Master. He was ably assisted by Bros. Hammond and Wilson. The ceremony was most impressively performed, and in due time Bro. Hurst was proclaimed Worshipful Master. He invested Bro. Hopwood as I.P.M. and Treasurer, and appointed the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. J. Hammond P.M. S.W., S. Hill J.W., W. Hammond P.M. Secretary, Fox S.D., Jessett J.D., Ockenden I.G., Walls D.C., Gutteridge W.S., Kent A.W.S. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Hopwood, who has had a year's hard work, and well deserves this recognition of his services. The brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was excellently served by the host, Bro. Murphy. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, and the members separated, after spending an enjoyable evening, and hailing with satisfaction the commencement of their third year of existence.

Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.—The members of this Lodge assembled for the first time this season on Monday, the 16th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C. Bro. J. D. Barnett W.M. occupied the chair. There were also present Bros. John Peartree S.W., David Posener J.W., Phil Levy Secretary, Geo. Pare S.D., Bailey J.D., Croaker I.G. John Ross I.P.M.; Past Masters John Constable, N. Moss, M. H. Harris, Z. Bloomfield, N. Gluckstein, E. Gottheil, and upwards of thirty lay members. The Lodge having been opened, and the usual preliminaries disposed of, Bro. Smith was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, after which the following gentlemen were initiated, namely:—Messrs. Adolph Salaman, Saul Valentine, Isaac C. Myers, and Baron David Barnett. Notice of motion was given by Bro. E. Gottheil, that a sum of twenty guineas be subscribed by this Lodge for the Boys' School, to be placed on the list of Bro. Constable, who intends to represent the Lodge at the next Festival. The business of the evening being completed, refreshment was served, after which the various toasts were given and responded to. The W.M., in proposing "The Queen," said the lateness of the evening would be sufficient apology for being brief; at any rate, it required no words of his to recommend the toast of the "Queen and Craft." This, together with the one to H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. Grand Master, and Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers, was received with the usual enthusiasm. The W.M. then proposed the health of the "Initiates," and especially adverted to the fact of having that evening introduced his own brother into the Order, having, from boyhood up, stood towards him in the position of a father; he now occupies the same relationship towards him as a Mason, and he was sure that he would prove a credit to the Order. As regards the rest of the Initiates, from the way they had been recommended, he was sure they were gentlemen of integrity, and would not fail to become respectable members of our justly honoured institution. Bro. B. D. Barnett said, in reply—I have been requested by my co-initiates to return thanks for the kind manner in which our names have been received, and we trust that the course of our life and conduct in future will show how we appreciate the honour you have done us this evening. The visitors, Bros. Loewenstark 1360, Chantler 211, A. Gluckstein 141, Peters 15, Welland 1319, Gibbs 15, and Frost 1347, severally responded, expressing pleasure at what they had witnessed in the Lodge, and gratitude for the fraternal reception accorded them. The I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who assured the brethren such services as are at his disposal he had always given, and would continue to do so for the benefit of the Lodge. For the Past Masters Bro. Constable replied, dilating particularly upon his love for the Masonic charities, and stated that he was desirous to raise £1,000, and hoped to have the support of all the brethren to aid him to reach the goal of his ambition. The W.M. then pleaded for the Benevolent Fund, when each of the newly initiated subscribed £1 1s. The Officers responded, and the proceedings came to an end. The W.M. and Bros. Bailey and Child contributed to the pleasure of the evening by singing some excellent songs.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 18th October, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Mason's-avenue, Coleman-street, E.C. Present—Bros. George Corner W.M., Staley S.W., Sayer J.W., Rudderforth Assist. Secretary, Fenner S.D., Turquand P.M. J.D., Watson Steward, Bone I.G., Christopher Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. E. Gottheil Preceptor, James Stevens, W. H. Myers; and Bros. Abell, J. P. Cohen, Batyee, Walker, Blinkhorn, Pelton, &c. Business—The Lodge having been opened, the minutes read, and the customary proceedings which precede the working of third ceremony rehearsed, the W.M. worked the degree, Bro. Cohen acting as candidate. The three sections were worked by Bro. Rudderforth, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Rudderforth was elected to preside on next Wednesday, for the purpose of working the Fifteen Sections. The proceedings will commence at 7 punctually.

United Strength Lodge of Instruction, No. 228.—Held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 11th of October, at the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales'-road, Kentish-town. Present—Bros. Halsey W.M., Carter S.W., Peener J.W., Koester P.M. 435 Sec., Peener Treasurer, Slyman S.D., Blakemore J.D., Keil I.G. P.M.'s Bros. J. N. Frost, Wuest, Limbeer. Members—Bros. Killick and Houston. The Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer, the minutes read and confirmed. Business—The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed, Bro. Houston being candidate. The 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th sections were worked. It was proposed that the Fifteen Sections be worked on the 1st of November, by Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor. The chair to be taken at seven o'clock precisely.

Panmure Lodge, No. 720.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, 16th October, at the Balham Hotel, Balham, S.W. Present: Bros. W. Trusler W.M., M. Spiegel as S.W., Payne P.M. J.W., Thomas Poore P.M. and Treasurer, McKay S.D., Wolfe J.D., Huntley I.G., Steadman Tyler; Past Masters Bros. H. Pulman, James Stevens, and a large number of brethren. The Lodge having been opened, and minutes of previous meeting read, was passed into the 2nd degree, and Bro. Fisher proved his proficiency as a Craftsman and retired. The W.M. then invited Bro. Stevens P.M. to complete the Masonic introduction of his personal friend, Bro. Fisher, by raising him to the degree of M.M., and that ceremony was duly performed. The Lodge was closed down, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. In the course of the evening Bro. Fisher expressed his thanks to the members for his admission into Masonry, and his sense of the importance of the step he had taken in joining the Order, together with his gratification with the ceremonies he had gone through. After the usual toasts, the brethren separated, at an early hour.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The weekly

meeting of the above Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Bros. Cambridge W.M., Hogarth S.W., Weige J.W., Johnson S.D., Smith J.D., Davies I.G., Worsley Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Watkins, Toy, Williams, Horsley, Hewlet, Crosby, Barker, &c. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Toy acting as candidate. The ceremony was rendered in capital style. As this was the first time the W.M. had performed it, especial praise is due. Bro. Turquand worked the second section of the lecture, Bro. Horsley the third, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed to the second degree. Bro. Horsley worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by Bro. Hewlet. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Hogarth was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A beautiful mahogany box, fitted with brass handles, lock and hinges, to hold the jewels, &c., was presented to this Lodge of Instruction by Bro. Dallas. The gift was pleasingly acknowledged, and a unanimous vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes. The Lodge closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned.

Wear Valley Lodge, No. 1121.—This Lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Friday, the 13th of September, at the King's Arms Hotel, Bishop Auckland. Present—Bros. George Stillman P.M. No. 124 W.M., John Wyld S.W., Andrew Arnold J.W., John Brown Sec., Watson Hunter Treas., Thomas Wilkinson S.D., Wm. Watson Brown J.D., John Henderson D.C., Charles J. T. Poole Steward, David Bryce Tod I.G., Joseph Bourman Tyler. Visitor—Bro. Henry Dowson, Central Lodge No. 71, Springfield, Illinois, U.S.A. Business—Two candidates were balloted for, and, being unanimously accepted and in attendance, were duly initiated by the W.M., Bro. Wyld S.W. delivering the charge. Bros. Ostle and Abbott were afterwards raised to the third degree. Bro. Wm. Crawford presided at the organ. The grand old ceremony was effectively rendered by the W.M. It was announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at the Mechanics' Institute, South Shields, on Tuesday, the 24th October 1876, and the W.M. requested as many of the brethren as could make it convenient to accompany him there. One new candidate was proposed, and the Lodge was then closed in form and with solemn prayer.

Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday last, when the Fifteen Sections were ably worked by the brethren of the Salisbury Lodge of Instruction—Bros. Mander P.M. 1201 as W.M., Cull S.W., Lee J.W. The Lodge was opened in due form. The first lecture was worked by the following:—Bros. Wise, A. Stewart, J. W. Wright, C. A. Woods, W. S. Lee, Bently, J. Collins. Second lecture by Bros. D. M. Belfrage, J. H. Watts, Rudderforth, Farwig, T. Cull. Third lecture by Bros. F. Honeyman, Neighbour and G. Davis. The Lodge was resumed. The W.M. rising, Bro. Weston, Royal Commemoration Lodge, and Bro. Block, of Southern Star, were elected joining members. It was proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the manner in which the W.M. had presided. Bro. Cull acknowledged the compliment paid him, and the brethren who were associated with him. It was proposed by Bro. Wise, and seconded by Bro. A. Wright, that the brethren who had kindly assisted that evening should be elected honorary members. After closing, the W.M. proposed the health of Bro. J. Wright, and thanked him for the manner he had entertained them.

West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612.—Amongst those of our new Lodges for which a prosperous career may be anticipated, we know of none where the prospects are more hopeful than in the case of this Lodge. Consecrated so lately as July of the present year, but little time has yet elapsed for fairly and fully exhibiting its capabilities, but if a competent Master and ably qualified Officers will carry the day, this Lodge should be second to none. The brethren held their first regular meeting on Saturday last, the 14th inst., at the Ealing Institute, when the chair was occupied by Bro. A. Beasley, who was supported by Bros. T. Kingston S.W., W. Goss J.W. 780 as J.W., A. J. Burr S.D., J. Green J.D., W. J. Compton I.G., Brown Treasurer, J. C. Roe Secretary, O. G. D. Perrott Chap., Delevante Organist, Harrison Tyler. The Lodge having been formally opened, Bro. J. Chambers Roe read the minutes, which had been entered in a most perfect manner, and called forth the unanimous approval of those present. On these being confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. Richard Carless Prickett 795, Josiah William Fisher 1238, Alfred Hendriks 1238, as joining members, and resulted favourably in each case. The agenda paper bore the names of five gentlemen as candidates for initiation, viz.:—Messrs. Hugh Hughes, Henry Edward Tucker, Alfred Pooley, Edmund Rixon Woodbridge, and William Seward; in their case also the result of the ballot was pronounced satisfactory. Bro. Beasley then, in a most careful and impressive manner, initiated each candidate separately, thus fulfilling his promise that he would carry out the duties of the chair, even to the very letter. One Brother was then proposed as a joining member, and the names of two gentlemen were given as candidates for admission into the ranks of Freemasonry. Bro. Delevante, on the motion of the W.M., was made an honorary member of the Lodge, such honorary membership to continue so long as he retains the post of Organist. The Lodge was then closed. The brethren then repaired to the hostelry of Bro. Brown, where a choice repast was done justice to. Bro. Beasley did the honours of the table in a highly genial manner, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The visitors were Bros. E. Hopgood P.M. 946, F. F. Johnson 1593, G. Wills 780, J. G. Le Grys 780, and W. W. Morgan 1385.

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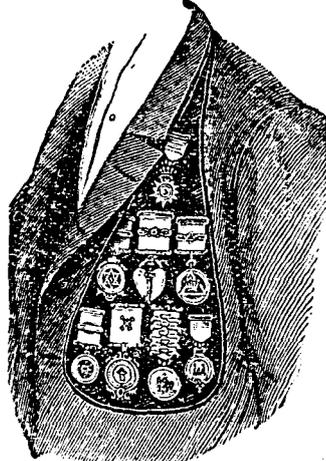
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