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"Whosoever can,
And will not cherish culture, is no man."

MASONIC journalists have always endeavoured, with more or less success, to keep clear of party politics and those jarring jealousies of public men which have ere now soured so much of the milk of human kindness. The great movement having for its object the education of the people is not, however, a party, or even a political question. The beneficent act of Parliament which has called so many School Boards into existence, is charged with a high mission; its machinery and its principles are intended to "secure cultivated intelligence" to every English child. No man who is concerned for the welfare of his country can regard the Education Act, or the public bodies it has called into existence, with suspicion or dislike. The education of the people has become one of the pressing necessities of the age in which we live. Our artisans, who have been hitherto second to none of the world's craftsmen, have awoke to the perception of the fact that the development of education on the Continent of Europe has influenced, and must continue powerfully to influence, the honourable rivalry of trade. The higher the intelligence of the workman, the better will his work be, and, in those branches of industry in which art plays a conspicuous yet subordinate part, the need of special training and culture for the masses is felt, not merely by the masses themselves, but by those whose intellect and capital are employed in the direction and control of their labour. If England is to maintain her high place in the world of commerce, she must educate those toiling millions upon whose thews and sinews she has hitherto founded her greatness. Ignorance, with its almost necessary concomitants, vice and crime, must be banished from our midst, and the brains which have been endowed by nature with those high qualities, that are not exclusively the birthright of rank and fortune, must be cultivated for the advantage of the nation.

Feeling deeply the vast importance of education, and highly valuing the machinery that Parliament has provided for its due development, we cannot permit the pending election of representatives for the School Board for London to pass without a few words of comment. The contest in the City division promises to be a severe one, and there are candidates in the field whose talents and personal worth entitle them to high consideration. Foremost among them is the late Lord Mayor, Mr. Alderman Cotton, who has already done excellent service on the existing Board. He steadily maintains its policy, and he is not carried away by the specious arguments of those who seek to develop the "voluntary" at the expense of the national system of education. Bro. Sutton Gover, a prominent member of the Corporation, is the next candidate we would venture to bring under the notice of our readers; he was a useful member of the first Board, and is a warm advocate of unsectarian education. Mr. Gover is an exceedingly able man, an actuary of no mean repute, and he possesses a mind which is capable of mastering the most intricate and complicated details of business. He would be an admirable guardian of the public funds entrusted to the Board, and a steady worker on its committees. Last, but by no means least, we venture to say a word in favour of the candidature of our genial brother, Sir John Bennett, whose services, in the cause of the education of the people, are neither few nor trifling. Long before Sir

John entered upon that prominent public career which he has pursued with so much zeal and consistency, he was an enthusiastic apostle of education. He has delivered numberless lectures, each having for its object the elevation and the temporal well-being of the working classes. He has served with distinction on a former School Board, and his ripe knowledge and eloquence would be advantageous to any deliberative assembly. Of late years, he has steadily identified himself with all movements which seek to confer "the greatest good upon the greatest number," but although he has been, and still is, a favourite of the public, he has never been its flatterer or its slave. He is a man of sound common sense, of brilliant wit, and his powers of speech are remarkable. We ventured, some time since, to predict, in these columns, that Sir John Bennett would one day be elected to "take his place in the great council of the nation." His qualities of heart and mind would render him popular in the House of Commons. The House, of which we claim to know something, would listen with pleasure to his short crisp sentences, and his brilliant, but not malicious sarcasms, and if he did not win a prominent place, at all events he would be universally esteemed. His fellow citizens may not, perhaps, call him to St. Stephen's, but his fame has reached the ears of other constituencies, and he has but to bide his time. Meanwhile, he is fairly entitled to ask those in whose midst he has spent his life, to give him a seat on the Board which is charged with interests that have always been dear to him. He has made sacrifices for the public weal, and for the furtherance of those principles which have been adopted as the enlightened policy of the London School Board. The man who has laboured "to promote throughout the country the mental, moral and artistic education of the English people" is, we think, eminently fitted for a place in the councils of that great body that has built splendid schools where they are needed, in the midst of squalid dwellings, and which is fated to produce in the great metropolis one of the most glorious and most peaceful of revolutions.

MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 37.)

THE DEPUTY.

"Please your Grace, my Ancient;
A man he is of honesty and trust."

IN no country in the world are the essential characteristics of Freemasonry so clearly defined as in the United Kingdom. There may, perhaps, have been occasions when Continental Freemasonry has so far forgotten itself as to take part, more or less prominently, in the various political agitations which have marked the last century and a half; but never in England have the Antient, Free and Accepted Craftsmen ever descended into the arena of politics. Similarly, we have invariably abstained from all participation in religious discussions. Our Society respects every religion, but sides, directly or indirectly, with none of them. Hence it is that the progress of Freemasonry, in these islands as compared with other countries, has been distinguished by an evenness of progress which is quite exceptional. We respect and are respected by all classes of the community, be they of this or that political party, or observe they this or that form of religion. True, we now and again find ourselves a target for Roman Catholicism to aim its shafts at. We imagine, however, this is the act

of a section only of that Church, a section which has momentarily, obtained the upper hand, and, thinking it needful to indulge in occasional displays of spleen or power, attacks a body with whose tenets it is necessarily unacquainted. Be this as it may, there is no doubt that Freemasonry in the United Kingdom stands high in the popular favour. There is, moreover, another important reason for this. As the Fraternity takes no part in politics or religion, so it is confined to no particular class. It includes in its ranks men of every grade in society. The noble and the gentle, equally with the professional man and the tradesman, seek admission into the Order. Equally observant are they of the obligations imposed upon them. In Freemasonry, in fact, as it is understood in this country, we find in a great measure realized that ideal equality which so many wise and good men have sighed for. There is no eversion of the natural laws which govern all societies, no attempt to reduce all men to one uniform level. Socially, we retain such distinctions as belong to us, but a man has full scope for the development and practical application of such qualities of head and heart as he may be possessed of. The man of learning will find a splendid field for the employment of his talents; so, too, will the man of energy; so the man of tact; and, in short, so will every one who possesses one or more qualities distinguishing him above his fellows.

We have said we include in our ranks the noble and the gentle; and in no society is it so incumbent on these to observe the wholesome maxim, "*Noblesse oblige*." We may, however, venture to lay it down as an axiom, that those of the upper class who enrol themselves in our Craft are just those who require no incitement whatever to fulfil the duties of their station. Certain it is, that the titled members of our Order set a brilliant example of zeal and activity in all that concerns Freemasonry, which it were well, perhaps, that all Craftsmen should follow. Thus in our portrait, a fortnight since, of The Statesman, we pictured to our readers one who is never weary of promoting, to the utmost of his ability, the well being of the Craft. Our present sketch is of another eminent Mason, of high rank in the outer world, who has also shown himself to be as zealous as he is efficient in the performance of his duties. There is no difficulty so great but he makes up his mind to grapple with and overcome it, if possible; no detail so trifling that he overlooks it. While yet under age, he was initiated into Freemasonry, in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357. This was in the year 1856, when he was a member of Christ Church. In the year following he joined the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, and is still borne on the roll of its members. In 1862, he became W.M. of Harmony Lodge, No. 580, Ormskirk, and the year following, he was appointed Senior Grand Warden by the late Grand Master the Earl of Zetland. In 1865, he attained the honourable position of Deputy Provincial Grand Master for West Lancashire, and this office he exchanged for the still more honourable post of Provincial G.M. for the same Province, in 1873. On the accession to the Masonic throne of our present Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the merit of our distinguished brother was still further recognised, by his appointment to the office of Deputy Grand Master of England. He holds also a distinguished position in Royal Arch Masonry, having been appointed Grand Superintendent of West Lancashire in 1873, and Grand H. of the Supreme Grand Chapter in 1875. The latest addition to his Masonic honours was conferred upon him in the first half of this year, when, by the lamented death of Bro. W. Romaine Callender, the Provincial Grand Mark Mastership of West Lancashire became vacant. To fill the vacancy thus created, our brother was appointed by the Earl of Limerick, Grand Master of Mark Masons, the ceremony of installation being conducted with great *éclat* by the Grand Master himself. But these offices of dignity and responsibility are not the only claims he has upon our respect. He has regularly taken a leading part in the support of our charitable institutions, and the very last occasion on which he illustrated his sympathy with the cause of charity was at the annual festival, this year, of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. On this occasion he presided, and to show the esteem in which they held him, the brethren of West Lancashire supported him most handsomely, to the extent of over fifteen hundred pounds. We are further and especially reminded, by the ceremony that is fixed for Monday next in the good city of Norwich, of another public occasion on which our respected

brother played a leading part. This was at the installation of the late Hon. F. Walpole M.P., as Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk, in succession to Bro. B. Bond Cabbell. The ceremony of installation was ably and impressively rendered, and the reception accorded to the Deputy Grand Master was in the highest degree enthusiastic.

Thus far as to his Masonic career. In public life he has taken a prominent part in supporting the political party to which he belongs, and the services he has rendered have twice received some mark of approval from his sovereign. During the years 1866-67-68 he was a lord in waiting, and since the advent to power of the present Conservative administration he has held command of Her Majesty's Yeomen of the Guard. In fulfilling the duties of this post of honour, we find him present whenever the exigencies of state ceremonial require it. But a far more responsible duty, and one for which, by all accounts, our distinguished brother has shown himself admirably fitted, is that of "whip" to the Conservative party in the House of Lords. It is well known to our readers that those only are appointed to this office who possess in an eminent degree the important qualifications of tact, energy, and ability. The work which a "whip" of either party, in either House of Parliament does, is most laborious. It may not be very exacting, as to the intellectual energies, but no one would ever be entrusted with such duties who had not the keenest insight into all the various phases of human character, superadded to an energy that knows no bounds, and a tact which nothing will disturb. In his native county he is a magistrate and deputy lieutenant, as well as captain of yeomanry hussars, and honorary colonel of an administrative battalion of rifle volunteers. In private life he is loved and esteemed, as in public and Masonically he is admired and respected. Indeed, in his own particular province of West Lancashire there is, absolutely, no limit to the respect and affection in which he is held by all the brethren.

Such is a brief sketch of one of the worthiest of our English Craftsmen. We are sensible the portrait is at best an indifferent "counterfeit presentment" of the original. In detail, however, we believe it to be accurate. But whether the portrait be artistically or inartistically drawn, it certainly presents another link in the long chain of evidence we are ever and anon submitting to our readers, that Freemasonry is neither a silly hobby which men pursue for the lack of some more profitable occupation, nor a society of political agitators and irreligionists, whose aim is the destruction of order, morality and religion. The brethren we have sketched in these columns are among the most strenuous upholders of all our institutions; and among the foremost of them is the brother whom we have taken upon ourselves to describe as the Deputy.

THE COLOURED QUESTION IN OHIO.

THE question of recognising the Coloured Grand Lodge of Ohio, as a separate and independent Grand Lodge, has been settled, for the present at all events. Bro. Thos. J. Melish, Associate Editor of the *Masonic Review*, writing to the *Keystone*, under date "Cincinnati, October 19, 1876," describes, briefly but sufficiently, the result of the last meeting at Columbus of the Ohian Grand Lodge. The legality of the Coloured organisations appears to have been decided, not by a direct vote, but on a side issue. The Deputy Grand Master Cunningham began the engagement by impugning the constitutionality of the proposal to recognise the Coloured Grand Lodge. This was on Tuesday the 11th ult., but the discussion was cut short at noon, and not renewed till the following morning. The question was then about to be debated on its general merits, when Bro. Enoch T. Carson drew attention to the constitutional objection that had been raised the day before, and urged that this objection must first of all be disposed of. The G.M. decided in favour of Bro. Carson's point. That our readers may understand the full force of the objection which the D.G.M. had raised, we may state that the Constitutions of the Ohian Grand Lodge lay it down that the Grand Lodge shall be *supreme* "and have exclusive jurisdiction over all questions relative to Masonry in Ohio, and that it shall have appellate jurisdiction over all subordinate Lodges of Masons in Ohio." The proposition of the Committee to which the question had been referred was, to recognise the Coloured

Masons as constituting a separate and independent Lodge, provided they designated themselves "the African Grand Lodge of F. and A.M. of Ohio." The objection was that such proposition could not be entertained till the Constitution of the Ohian Grand Lodge had been amended in the manner required by law, which is, "that amendments be seconded by a majority vote of all representatives at the Grand Lodge, then be laid over for one year, be submitted separately to each subordinate, and receive the assent of two-thirds of them." Grand Master Woodward demurred to this, on the ground that "the action of Grand Lodge last year had assumed the constitutionality of the proposition, by submitting it to the subordinates." From this ruling the D.G.M. appealed, and when the discussion was closed, Bro. Carson demanded that the vote should be taken by Lodges, as the Constitution on test questions permits. This was accordingly done, and the result of the voting was, that 332 votes sustained the ruling of the Chair, while 401 votes supported the objection of the Deputy Grand Master. In other words, the Grand Lodge of Ohio decided, by a majority of 69 votes, that the proposal to recognise the Coloured Grand Lodge as a separate and independent body, was contrary to the Constitution, which must first be amended before such a motion could legally be submitted.

The result is that the main question of recognising Coloured Masonry is postponed *sine die*. It is, perhaps, matter for regret, that the Grand Lodge could not have discussed the matter directly. It is satisfactory, however, to find—and we may say this, without fear of being thought guilty of any partisanship—that, so far as the discussion went, it was confined entirely to the consideration of an important legal point. We conclude, from Bro. Melish's simple account, that no foolish sentiment about colour was allowed to find place in the settlement of a proposition which can only be determined, legitimately, on a legal issue.

HISTORY OF OUR LODGES.

MINUTE BOOK OF LODGE No. 6, ANCIENTS.

SOME time since we gave an analysis of an old Lodge Book of No. 6. Ancients, now Enoch Lodge, No. 11 on the roll of the United Grand Lodge of England. We have since this been permitted to examine what, till the discovery of the Lodge Book referred to, was the oldest minute book in the possession of Enoch. The first entry is dated 22nd April 1788, and the minutes are consecutive, with the exception of two breaks, one considerable, from September 1798 to 11th June 1799, the other of shorter duration, from the latter day to the 8th of October 1799. Moreover, though both ill-written and ill-spelt in many places, they afford, till towards the end, a tolerably clear view of the inner life of the Lodge, so far at least as minutes are likely to disclose it. It is greatly to be regretted that a gap should exist between these two Lodge Books. The last minute in the older book is dated 23rd April 1782, the first in this the 22nd April 1788, leaving exactly six years, the details of which are lost to us, at least as far as is known at present. It is possible, however, from the register of members in the first Lodge Book, to carry the list of officers down to June 1784, the last list of members being for the first half of the year 1784, leaving thus only four years for which we have no such memoranda; while the sequence of accounts is complete, as they run on in the first book without a break, till towards the close of the year 1798. Were the lost books forthcoming for this period, and also for the years between 1801 and 1810 and other years, Enoch Lodge would be able to boast of an unbroken series of records from the last month of the year 1770. Let us hope these losses may some day or other be made good. We now pass to the Minute Book, beginning 23rd April 1788.

The first record worthy of notice is the initiation, passing, and raising of a new member at the same meeting, owing to his going abroad. Many other instances occur, however, in the course of these minutes in which the three degrees are conferred on one and the same night. On the 11th November, in the same year, there is an entry to the following effect:—"It was ordered by the Wl. Master and the majority of the Lodge No. 6, to summon the Master and Wardens of Lodge No. 225 for a trespass committed by them, in passing a member of Lodge No. 6 through the chair in order to obtain a seat in the H.R.A., contrary to constitution." What followed this order, however, does not appear, as there is no further minute bearing upon the "trespass." There are no minutes between this date and the 10th February 1789, when we find it stated that the W.M. and both Wardens were absent. The absence of these officers is noticed in the next minute of the 24th Feb., while the W.M. and S.W. are again absent at the time of opening the Lodge on 10th March. Indeed, the occasion when they were present appears to have been of rare occurrence. We are not surprised, therefore, that some years later it was found necessary to take steps to revivify the Lodge. On the 12th May 1789, it is minuted that a "Bro. Major Carroll, of Lodge No. 678, Ireland, joined, and paid the sum of five shillings." On the 22nd September, a brother of Lodge No. 367, Ireland, having a certificate from G.L. Ireland, a member of No. 74, Exeter, and a member of Lodge No. 3 are elected

joining members. The same evening the Lodge is honoured with a visit from Bros. James Perry D.G.M., James Agar J.G.W., the W.M. (Bro. James Gray), and several brethren of Lodge No. 81, and the W.M. (Bro. Reed), and J.W. of Lodge No. 240. At a Lodge of Emergency, undated, a Mr. Louis Des Beux is passed through the three degrees, owing to his going abroad. At the December election of officers, it is minuted that Bro. John Feakins is elected "Treasurer for life." On the 12th January 1790, we read that Bro. George McCormick "joined his mother Lodge, he not having joined any other Lodge since he drew his certificate from No. 6, which was unanimously agreed to." On the 9th March, a third instance occurs of a person receiving the three degrees in one evening, and for the same reason as in the cases already quoted. On the 23rd of the same month, the Lodge is "called to refreshment, on account of a Bro. coming from Sunderland, saying he was an ancient Mason, and, by examination, could not be found as such, therefore the Lodge could not admit him by ye report that was made." On 22nd June, a motion was made and unanimously carried, "to wear purple ribbons at the Grand Festival." At the meeting on the 24th August 1790, "A proposal was made summons'd (sic) the M. of Lodge No. 128, to the Steward's Lodge, to show just cause why they received Bro. John James Moore to become a member of that Lodge without a Sitivicate (sic)." N.B.—This word appears to have been a serious stumbling-block in the way of more than one Secretary of No. 6. On the 14th September, it is moved and carried "that a memorial should be presented to the W.D.G.M. Humbly thanking him for his great and good conduct in supporting the Antient Craft, &c., &c., &c. Humbly begging (sic) for his support and continuance for the future." A second motion was made, to the effect that Masters and Wardens shall be fined for non-attendance, according to the rules and articles of this Lodge, and, at the next meeting, the J.W. is summoned "to show cause why he do not attend according to regulation." In November, the same officer having been regularly absent in the meantime, is ordered to attend the next stated Lodge, but he does not, nor at the meeting when the election of new officers is held. On 28th December, the new W.M. and Wardens are installed, "according to Ancient custom and ceremonies." Indeed, it appears to have been the custom to instal, not only the Master, but the Wardens likewise. At this Lodge, we find a Bro. Leslie acting as Secretary pro tem, but whether this is the Bro. Leslie who was the Grand Secretary, we have no means here of discovering. It is further recorded that, on this occasion, there was "left bad money, 3s 8d"—a light half-guinea had previously been mentioned. In January 1791, the Lodge is visited by Bro. James Agar D.G.M. Among the visitors on 22nd February, we find the names of Bros. James Knight, P.M. of No. 13, John Hill, "of the Dispensation, Maidstone," Brown and John Hill, members of St. John, Leslie, Grand Secretary, and Davis, of No. 231. In June, when the election of officers was held, two candidates stood for the office of Tyler, but the old one was elected on a ballot. Among the items of expenditure entered under date of 28th June, we find "To new purple ribbons for ye jewels, 12s." On the 12th July, occurs a curious entry. The minutes of 14th June having been confirmed, their confirmation having been adjourned from 28th June, we are told, "the chair being vacant, and Bro. Buckney having served all offices, it was proposed that Bro. Buckney pass the chair as Master, in which he was accordingly installed." The installation of the new officers was then proceeded with. In October, "Bro. Leslie, Grand Secretary, presented a resolution of the General Grand Chapter of H.R. Arch, that Bro. Walter Paulett, of No. 6, be censur'd for indecent and disrespectful conduct to the Genl. Grand Chapter, and suspended from all Masonic rights and privileges until he make such concession as shall be deem'd adequate by the Grand Lodge." Bro. Paulett, who was present, at once expressed his sorrow, if anything he had said in the Grand Chapter had given offence to the Grand Officers or any other brother present, and this concession being deemed sufficient by the Lodge, Bro. Leslie promised to present the same to the next Grand Lodge and Gen. Grand Chapter for their consideration. In April 1792 we read of a Bro. Denby, of Lodge No. 4, attending to solicit a contribution of 4s 6d towards defraying the funeral expenses of a deceased member of Lodge No. 63, who having been "one night bad" could not receive the charity; it having been agreed by several Lodges that he should be buried by contribution. On the 10th July occurs, as an item of expenditure, "Paid for Ribons for St. John's 9s." On the 12th February 1793, a motion was made that the Lodge meet on the second Tuesday in the month, thus altering the Lodge meetings from fortnightly to monthly. In April we note a payment to Bro. Frazer (Tyler) of one shilling, "for summoning Grand Chapter." On the 13th August the Lodge must have allowed itself a little extra indulgence, as among the expenses of the evening is entered half-a-crown for a bottle of wine. At the October meeting it was resolved to change the Lodge quarters, "the landlord of the Lodge House not being a Mason." Accordingly the month following it was arranged that the Lodge should for the future meet at the Horns Tavern, Doctors' Commons, the landlord being a Bro. Griffiths. In December, on the proposition of the Treasurer, it was resolved that members, when absent, should pay only eighteen pence instead of half-a-crown. In the minutes of 11th February 1794 it is entered that Bro. J. Feakins gave a lecture in the first part, but "was obstructed by the noise of the company in the other room." In July, there is entry of a sum of ten shillings and sixpence being paid to Grand Lodge towards the Grand Festival on the previous 24th June, with similar entries in subsequent years, and likewise of five shillings and sixpence expended in "ribbands." At the December election this year the W.M. proposed the Sen. Deacon, and the S.W. the Jun. Deacon. Amongst the visitors on the 12th April 1796 occurs the name of a member of the New Edinburgh Kilwinning, and also that of the W.M. of St. John's. At this meeting, likewise, the sum of fourteen pence is expended on a pair of compasses. In October 1799 it was unanimously agreed to remove the Lodge to Bro. Hart's, "The Bricklayers' Arms, Earl-street, St. Andrew's-by-the-Wardrobe." On this occasion Bro. Harper P.G.W. was a visitor. We further read that the W.M., "pro-

ceeded to install Bro. Cook Master and to pass the chair." At an emergency meeting on the 22nd May 1798, it was determined that all the members should be summoned to attend next regular Lodge night, and pay up arrears, under the penalty of exclusion for non-attendance. It was also proposed to remove the Lodge. Nothing, however, was done at the next regular Lodge, the business being ordered to stand over till the next meeting in July, when the usual election of officers was held. It is evident, indeed, from the irregularity of the elections, and the scantiness of the attendance of members, that at this time the Lodge was far from being in a flourishing state. The installation of the officers elected in July was ordered to stand over till the next meeting, but when that came, the Lodge was not opened, only two members being present. The same happened in September, four only being present. In October, and till June of the following year, no meetings were held. On the 11th of of the latter month the election of officers for the ensuing half-year was held. In the October following a move is arranged to Mr. Bass's house, the Manchester Arms, Baker-street, Manchester-square, and the move is made the very next month, when three brethren, Bros. Sinclair, Stork, and Hughes, join as "honorary members, to assist to revive the Lodge." Of these three Bro. Sinclair is elected, and at once installed, as W.M. for the rest of the half year, and Bros. Stork and Hughes as S. and J. Wardens respectively. Bro. Feakins hands over the Treasurer's account to Bro. Stork. The landlord, Mr. Bass, is proposed as member. The week following Bro. Stork joined, by certificate, from No. 239, Chelsea. On the 1st January 1800, it is recorded that St. John's Day was celebrated, and the accounts of the Lodge regularly settled. We find, also, in the statement of account, "the hole (*sic*) of the expenses of removing the regalia of the Lodge No. 6" is set down as £17 2s. In the next minute we find the amount due to the Treasurer is stated at £25 1s 7d. On the 14th April a Lecture was given by Bro. Sinclair, of Lodge No. 10. On the 8th December another move is agreed upon, to Bro. James Carroll's, the Goat, Stafford-street, Bond-street. Arrangements are also made to liquidate the Lodge debts, amounting to £31 14s 1d, one-half of which is to be paid "the day following," and the other half by Bro. Andrew Barry. At this meeting officers for the next half-year are chosen, but on the 27th of the month other officers are appointed, Bro. Gray as W.M., the name of the S.W. being left blank, and Bro. Jas. Carroll being the J.W. On 12th January Bros. Gray and Carroll join the Lodge by certificate, and pay severally a joining fee of five shillings. There are no less than eight visitors on this occasion, six of them of Lodge No. 4, one of St. John, and one of 244. In fact, about this time, we should judge, the Lodge must have been making great efforts to attain to a higher condition of prosperity. On the 9th February, the visitors are twelve, among them being members of Lodges No. 4, 10, 192, 244, and 368. On 3rd March an Irish Bro., of Lodge No. 742, Ireland, and a member of No. 10 join, and pay each the sum of five shillings. At this meeting the W.M. proposes that each member pay, "for Tying and an apron, 2s 6d." In May it was unanimously agreed to move to Bro. Prondfoot's, Jacob's Well, Charles-street, Manchester-square. In June the Lodge receives a fresh accession of strength, in the shape of four joining members from Lodge No. 37. Several instances are mentioned hereabouts of brethren passing the chair, by which, we presume, is intended that the rank of a virtual Past Master is conferred on such. It may be, perhaps, though there is nothing in the minutes to show it, that this honour was thus conferred in connection with the Royal Arch Degree. However this may be, these statements form the interesting feature of the concluding minutes, the last of which is dated "Jacob's Well, Charles-street, Manchester-square, July 7" 1801, the attendance on which day is set down at thirteen members and two visitors. Thus the Lodge, at the time we take leave of it, was apparently increasing in strength.

It remains for us to add, that this second minute book is by no means as well kept as the earlier one. We have said the writing is in many parts shockingly bad, and the spelling as faulty. These, however, are trifles. But though, except towards the end, we are enabled to form a continuous narrative, there is in too many places an evidence of haste and carelessness by no means creditable to the officers. The following lists of the principal officers have been compiled from the Minute Books under notice here and in a former issue.

FIRST LODGE BOOK.

1770. Dec. T. Blair W.M.
 1771. Jan. W. Bayley W.M., Luke Conniff S.W., Wm. Dagnia J.W., Charles Bearblock* Secretary.
 " June T. Blair W.M., Wm. Dagnia S.W., J. Ayckbowm J.W., Charles Bearblock Secretary.
 " Dec. W. Dagnia W.M., J. Ayckbowm S.W., W. Murray J.W., Secretary postponed.
 1772. June J. Ayckbowm W.M., T. Withers S.W., James Lock Preluur J.W., Secretary—none elected.
 " Dec. T. Withers W.M., John McCormick† S.W., T. Woodham J.W., John Bexwell Secretary, Peter Bourdon Treasurer.
 1773. June T. Withers W.M., T. Woodham S.W., J. Tyrrell J.W., John Errington Secretary, John Bexwell Treasurer.
 1774. Jan. W. Bayley W.M., Simeon Bayley S.W., J. Errington J.W., James Foucher Secretary, Thos. Purnell Treasurer.
 " June S. Bayley W.M., J. Errington S.W., J. Foucher J.W., J. Ayckbowm Secretary, Thomas Purnell Treas.
 1775. Jan. J. Errington W.M., James Dunn S.W., Richard Tidcomb J.W., Simeon Bayley Secretary, Thomas Purnell Treasurer.
 " July J. Errington W.M., James Dunn S.W., Richard Tidcomb J.W., Simeon Bayley Secretary, Thomas Purnell Treasurer.
 " Dec. R. Tidcomb W.M., J. Burford S.W., S. Bayley J.W., John Errington Secretary.

* Grand Secretary 1779 to 1782.

† Grand Secretary 1785 to 1789.

1776. June S. Bayley W.M., J. Burford S.W., John Feakins‡ J.W., John Errington Secretary, R. Tidcomb Treasurer.
 " Dec. J. Feakins W.M., Richard Feakins S.W., Richard Frazer J.W., John Errington Secretary, Sim. A. Bayley Treasurer.
 1777. June W. Bayley W.M., Richard Feakins S.W., Richard Frazer J.W., John Errington Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 " Dec. Richard Feakins W.M., Richard Frazer S.W., Jos. Knight J.W., John McCormick Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 1778. June Jos. Knight W.M., Richard Frazer S.W., Edward Jenkins J.W., John McCormick Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 " Dec. Richard Frazer W.M., Henry Westley S.W., John A. Smith J.W., John McCormick Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 1779. June H. Westley W.M., Jos. Knight S.W., Robert Leo J.W., John McCormick Secretary, John Feakins Treas.
 " Dec. Jos. Knight W.M., R. Leo S.W., James Old J.W., John McCormick Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 1780. June R. Leo W.M., Jas. Old S.W., Thos. Percival J.W., Jos. Knight Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 " Dec. Chas. Bearblock W.M., Jas. Old S.W., Thomas Percival J.W., John McCormick Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 1781. June James Old W.M., T. Percival S.W., W. Chapman J.W., John Old Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 " Dec. T. Percival W.M., W. Chapman S.W., Richard Feakins J.W., John McCormick Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 §1782. June W. Chapman W.M., Henry Westley S.W., W. Westley J.W., John McCormick Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 " Dec. J. McCormick W.M., W. Westley S.W., John Feakins J.W., Henry Westley Secretary, Richard Feakins Treasurer.
 1783. June J. McCormick W.M., J. Feakins S.W., Chas. Farr J.W., Henry Westley Secretary, Richard Feakins Treas.
 " Dec. John Feakins W.M., Chas. Farr S.W., John McCormick jun. J.W., John McCormick Secretary, Richard Feakins Treasurer.

‡ P.S.G.W., and G.T. in 1789.

§ These that follow are from the Lists only; those preceding from Minutes and Lists as well.

SECOND LODGE BOOK.

1788. June Rich. Fowler W.M., Henry Hart S.W., John Jas. Moore J.W., John McCormick Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 " Dec. Henry Hart W.M., John Jas. Moore S.W., John McCormick Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 1789. June John Feakins W.M., W. Wardale S.W., John Taylor J.W., John McCormick Secretary,
 " Dec. W. Wardale W.M., Thos. Jenkins S.W., Burcher J.W., John McCormick Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer (for life).
 1790. June Thos. Jenkins W.M., Burcher S.W., Buckney J.W., Franklin Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 " Dec. Burcher W.M., Jackson S.W., Franklin J.W., Atkins Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 1791. June Jackson W.M., Franklin S.W., Atkins J.W., Jenkins Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 " Dec. Jenkins W.M., Atkins S.W., Lucas,* Griffiths J.W., Burcher Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 1792. June Atkins W.M., Griffiths S.W., Benj. White J.W., Burcher Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 " Dec. Griffiths W.M., Benj. White S.W., Herring,† Mayhew J.W., Jenkins Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 1793. June B. White W.M., Mayhew S.W., Judge J.W., Atkins Secretary, John Feakins Secretary.
 " Dec. Rich. Feakins W.M., Paulett S.W., Judge J.W., Atkins Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 1794. July John Feakins W.M., Judge S.W., J. Mitchell J.W., Atkins Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 " Dec. John Feakins sen. W.M., J. Mitchell S.W., J. Feakins jun. J.W., T. Westall Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 1795. June Mitchell W.M., J. Feakins jun. S.W., Chas. Howard J.W., P. Westall Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 1796. Jan. Mitchell W.M., Howard S.W., Westall J.W., Kiernan Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 " June T. Westall W.M., H. Hart S.W., Thos. Hargrave J.W., Kiernan Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 " Dec. T. Westall W.M., Cooke sen. S.W., Thos. Hobbs J.D., Westall Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 1797. Aug. J. Feakins W.M., Watkins S.W., Hobbs J.W., Buckton Secretary, John Feakins Treasurer.
 1798. May Feakins W.M., Watkins S.W., H. Hart J.W., John Feakins Treasurer.
 " July Watkins W.M., Westall S.W., J. P. Cook‡ J.W., John Feakins Treasurer.
 1799. June Westall W.M., Watkins S.W., Thos. Druce J.W., John Feakins Treasurer.

* Elected but did not serve: Bro. Griffiths, therefore, chosen in his stead.

† Absent, so Mayhew elected in his stead.

‡ Writing illegible, not apparent whether T. P. or J. P.; may be either. Query—If former, was this the actor?

1799 Nov. Sinclair W.M., Stork S.W., Hughes J.W., Stork Treasurer.
 1800 Jan. Stork W.M., Hughes S.W., Lloyd J.W., Secretary postponed, R. Bass Treasurer.
 „ June Stork W.M., E. Lloyd S.W., Jas. Stow J.W., J. Proudfoot Secretary, Stork Treasurer.
 § „ 8th Dec. Benj. Hughes W.M., E. Lloyd S.W., Wm. Wigham J.W.
 „ 27th „ Gray W.M., Jas. Carroll S.W., Stow J.W.
 1801. June Carson W.M., Walker S.W., Clidsdale J.W., Brown Secretary, Proudfoot Secretary.

§ These elected on 8th Dec., but a second election on 27th of the month, the first one chosen did not serve.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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

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WHICH IS CORRECT?

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am too much engaged on other matters to write at length, in continuation of this correspondence, and shall content myself, for this week, by thanking Q. for the opinions expressed in his last letter, and by submitting further examples for consideration.

Preceptor No. 1 says: "He hopes to find that which was lost with the centre."

Preceptor No. 2 says: "within a centre;" a great difference, and one of considerable moment. It is admitted that we ought to understand what we talk about.

Again, and here is something in which I am sure many of the better educated continually err (and only for the want or neglect of consideration). Preceptor No. 1 says: of something being "more honorable than the Order of the Garter, or any other," &c.

No. 2 says: "than the Star and Garter, or," &c. And No. 3 says "than the Star, Garter, or," &c.

I shall shortly gather together all the discrepancies I have submitted, and set the remarks of your correspondents against same. Meanwhile, I must say I should like to have other opinions besides those we have been favoured with, and probably some other of your numerous readers might look over the correspondence on this subject, from the commencement, and lay their views before the Brethren, so that in respect of these variations, we may decide, "Which is correct?"

Yours fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS,

P.M., P.Z., &c.

Clapham, 14th November 1876.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent Q. ably answers the question of the Masonic Paradox, but will you allow me space to give a third reading. There have been more foggy answers given than probably any other, each answer being open to objection from those who have analysed the matter.

I remember arguing the various answers usually given with that most excellent Mason, Stephen Barton Wilson (the Gamaliel at whose feet I sat to gather most of my Masonic knowledge), when I suggested that this reading would meet all objections.

"The sun being that great body round which the earth, &c. on its own axis. Freemasonry being universally spread over the surface of the earth," &c.

He agreed with me, and said he would introduce it at the Lodge of Emulation. Whether he did so or not, I cannot say. I saw him but once again before his lamented death, and forgot to mention the subject.

I am not one to expect uniformity of working, knowing that not even Masons can agree on all points,—"*tot homines tot sententiam*,"—besides, Masonry is a "progressive science," and there can be no progression where infallibility is claimed; but I think "grammar, rhetoric," and, above all, "truth," should ever be kept in view.

I remain, yours fraternally,

H. E. FRANCES P.P.G.D., Preceptor.

BALLOTS FOR LIFE GOVERNORSHIPS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—From several letters which I have received, I believe an idea exists that the Province of Devon will derive some advantage from the sale of tickets which I have issued for a drawing for Life Governorships in connection with my Stewardship at the forthcoming Festival in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

Permit me to state, most distinctly, this is not the case. Each Province will have as many Life Governorships specially appropriated

to it as the amount subscribed therein will permit, and the drawing will be further localised by appropriating our Life Governorships to each town, or even a building in which several Lodges are held (as in London, and other large places), or to one Lodge for every 100 tickets sold in such town, &c.

The tickets issued to R.A. Chapters, Mark Lodges and K.T. Preceptories will be secondarily dealt with, and will form a separate series, except in cases when such Chapter, &c. desires to unite with the Craft Lodge to which it is attached.

I hardly expect the members of Chapters, &c. personally to purchase tickets if they have previously done so, but I hope every Chapter, Mark Lodge and Preceptory will itself purchase a book of tickets, with the knowledge that, for every five books taken, one Life Governorship will be created.

I propose, with your permission, to publish in your columns, a statement of account, showing the moneys which I have received, and the successful numbers, and to forward the official receipts to the holders thereof.

I need hardly say that additional books of tickets may be obtained from,

Yours fraternally,

J. EDWARD CURTEIS,

P.M. 189, 1247, P.S.G.W. Devon, P.M. 35 Mark Lodge, Grand Mark Deacon, Arch Treasurer of the Order of the Temple, V.P.R.M.I.B., &c., &c.

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

The Sovereign Chapter of Mount Calvary of Knights of the Pelican and Eagle, and Princes of the Order of Rose Croix of H.R. D.M.—The Convocation of the members of this very old Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Friday, the 10th inst., when Bro. William Roebuck 31° was duly installed as M.W.S. by Bro. Hyde Pallen 33°. Amongst the brethren present we noticed: Ill. Bros. Captain Philips 33° P.M.P.S. G.C., Major Shadwell Clerke 33° G.S.G., Bro. Rosenthal 33° of Franco, Bros. Paas 30°, Stohwasser 30°, Coffin 30°, Dewar, Morgan, Driver, Crossley, Nicole, Raymond, &c. The business being ended, the members adjourned to the Café Royal, where a sumptuous banquet was served, and all spent a most enjoyable evening, under the presidency of the M.W.S.

CONSECRATION OF PLANTATION LODGE, NO. 581, KINNING PARK, GLASGOW.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow met, at 4 p.m., on Monday, the 13th November, for the purpose of consecrating the Hall, and also the new Lodge, Plantation, No. 581. Bro. F. A. Barrow, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, presiding, Bro. J. Baird, the Substitute P.G.M., acting as Chaplain, Bro. J. Morgan interim P.G. Secretary, J. Gillis P.G.T., J. Balfour P.G.D. of C., G. W. Wheeler 73, acting P.G.S.W., R. Brownlie, No. 3 bis, acting P.G.J.W., J. B. Hardie P.G.O.G.

Bro. John Miller P.M. 413 P.G.D. of M., conducted the choir, and contributed much to enhance the solemnity of the Consecration, which was admirably conducted by Bro. Barrow and his assistants. In the course of his address, the acting P.G.M. dwelt on the great service that Masonry, and its progenitors, the Egyptian children and Greek mysteries, had done, by enlarging the human mind, by directing it to the study of the liberal arts and sciences, causing men also to study Nature, and leading them from that up to Nature's God. Thus, in what were called the Dark Ages of the world's history, all the leading men were those who were well skilled in those Mysteries. We read in Holy Writ that Moses was well skilled in all the learning of the Egyptians, and this learning was transmitted from one generation to another amongst the initiated, and confined principally to them. Now, however, by the spread of science and knowledge, the great mass of the people are learning these truths, and they are not kept in the breast of Masons, but we love Masonry now, not because of the power it confers on its possessors, as of old, but because of the wondrous beauty of its principles—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. The relief that brotherly love induces us to give may be, and often is, pecuniary charity, but there is also that feeling of sympathy with a brother's wants, and a desire to contribute to his happiness, which can be given by the poorest of the brethren. He may be too poor to give even a sixpence in cash, but he may give that which is above all money value—the sympathy of a kind and affectionate heart. A word of advice, or of friendly caution, is often of great value, especially when in a distant land or on a foreign shore, but to cultivate this feeling properly, we want to have good men to begin to work upon, and the new Lodge, he hoped, would look out for members who already had large, warm hearts, and, without doubt, they would be sure to be improved by becoming members of a Lodge where these feelings could be cultivated and refined.

At the close of the ceremony, Bro. Stobo, the R.W.M., in a few brief, but well chosen remarks, thanked the acting Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the brethren, for their attendance, and the able way in which they had performed their duties, and proposed them all for Honorary Abilitation, which the Lodge agreed to with acclamation. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the adjoining hall, where refreshment had been provided for them. Bro. Stobo presided.

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 1½d per pack extra. Cards for Piquet, Bézique, Écarté, &c., Mogul Quality 10d per pack, 9s per dozen packs.—London W. W. Morgan, 67 Barbican, E.C.

THE MAGAZINES OF THE MONTH.

The current number of *Blackwood* is excellent. "A Woman-Hater" is continued, but the thread of the story is somewhat broken by the narrative of Rhoda Gale's experiences. Miss Gale being the young lady whom Vizard met, in an almost fainting state, towards the close of the preceding part. The interruption, however, clearly has its purpose, as will be seen as the story proceeds. An article on "Swift and Macaulay," in which are noted the points that distinguished them, or which they possessed in common, is admirably written. We commend, in particular, the writer's censure of those who publish private letters and papers reflecting on the conduct or character of past worthies, without a thought for the feelings of the latter's relatives. "Pages from the Story of my Childhood" is a pleasantly-written narrative. The continuation of "A Run through Kathiawar" is certain to find appreciative readers. As a specimen of the reviewer's art, we commend to the notice of our friends the review of the second volume of Mr. Theodore Martin's "Life of the Prince Consort." The military reader will doubtless find much to interest him in the essay on "Army Promotion and Retirement," and the political will be equally taken with the views expressed in the last of the contents, "The Recent Home Agitation and the East."

In *Belgravia* are continued Mr. Charles Reade's "Good Stories of Man and other Animals," but we hardly think the present one of "The Exchange of Animals," in which a man sells his wife for a dog and twenty shillings, is equal in point of merit or in interest to the half-dozen that precede it. However, as the story of an English custom, now, we believe, entirely obsolete—though Mr. Reade's illustration of it belongs to a date within the last half century—we doubt not it will serve to amuse the reader. The illustration accompanying it is the best we have seen in this magazine for several months, the face of the dog, which seems to be enjoying the joke, being admirably expressed. Mr. Richard A. Proctor contributes a paper on "Astrology," well worth reading, and "An Old Enthusiast and a Young Cynic" furnishes a round dozen of "Quips and Cranks," which are admirable. As to the serial fiction: Mrs. Lynn Linton's story, entitled "From Dreams to Waking," is concluded. "Juliet" finds her married life with Cis Travers just what she might have expected from the circumstances under which it was contracted, and young Travers himself does not improve. The little Gretchen re-appears in a new character, and Colonel Fleming returns from India, so that there are new elements of interest in store for us. As to the other tales, we have nothing to add to our previous remarks.

The feature of *Cornhill* is the opening portion of a new serial story, entitled "Erema; or, my Father's Sin," by Mr. Blackman, author of "Alice Lorraine," current some time since in *Blackwood*, and other almost equally well-known novels. Mr. Blackman is a writer of considerable power, and the reader will doubtless anticipate that "Erema" will be a source of pleasure during the long winter evenings. Nor, to judge from our first introduction, do we think he will be disappointed. "Carità" is continued, so that fiction has in this magazine two capital representatives. In addition, we have noted "On Turkish ways and Turkish women" (part II.), which is sure to find many readers just now, when the Turk is engrossing the attention of all Europe. Among the other contributions, the following are in the highest degree praiseworthy:—"The Laws of Dream-Fancy," "Thoughts on Criticism, by Critics," and "Forgotten Jokes."

Baily is always welcome. Its programme for the current month is of the usual character, and includes more than one paper of special interest. Thus a glimpse is vouchsafed us at "Winchester Race Course," and the events and persons most intimately associated with it. Under the head of "Country Quarters," we have a short narrative of the "Surrey Union's" doings. In "Frank Leigh of Watercombe," Frank and the old squire he is visiting sally forth for an early morning's quest after the pole-cat. The experience is new to Frank, and he enters fully into the spirit of the sport. "Our Van" is more heavily laden than usual as regards matter, and as racily written as ever. In addition is a list of "Hounds," with the names of the masters, whips, days of meeting, and the country hunted.

The serial tales in the *Leisure Hour*, namely, "The Shadow on the Hearth," and "The Grants of Lochside," which are very suitable to the pages of this periodical, are both continued. "The Stone Age in Great Britain" is highly interesting. The Rev. W. Wright's contribution on "Turkish Law and Turkish Mis-rule" is an earnest appeal to the Great Powers no longer to leave the Christian subjects of the latter at the mercy of Turkish law. Then we have noted No. III. of "American Caricatures," and "A Stranger in St. Petersburg." The experiences of the latter, coming as they do from the pen of Mr. Sala, when he was Special Commissioner of the *Daily Telegraph*, will be found very amusing. We have noted likewise two other descriptive papers, "Among the Mormons," and an account of "Girton College." In the usual "Antiquarian Gossip of the Month," and the "Weather Proverbs," we find recorded many quaint old customs and sayings. It is almost needless to say that the "5th of November" and "Lord Mayor's Day" occupy a prominent place; in the former, the quaint civic pageants which accompanied the Lord Mayor of former days being specially mentioned. Less well-known, however, are sundry provincial customs, such, for instance, as the Staffordshire one described by Dr. Plot, where children go round from house to house on St. Clement's Day (23rd November), singing—

Clemeny, Clemeny, God be wi' you,
Christmas comes but once a ye-ar;
When it comes it will soon be gone,
Give me an apple, and I'll be gone.

On this day the bakers in Cambridge hold an annual supper. On St. Catherine's Day (the 25th), young women, according to Hampson, "assembled to make merry, according to a custom which they called 'Catherining,' and which probably originated in the religious processions suppressed by the proclamation of the 33rd of Henry VIII." "Catter Day" is celebrated by the lace-makers in Buckinghamshire,

who hold a "merry-making, and eat a sort of cake called 'wigs,' and drink ale." On the 30th, or the day of St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland, "the Scotch, in their annual procession, bear singed sheeps' heads." In Northamptonshire, the same day was kept, according to Miss Baker, "by the lace-makers, as a day of festivity and lace-making; but since the use of pillow-lace has in a great measure given place to that of the loom, this holiday has been less and less observed." Among the "Weather Proverbs," the two following from Notts are worth quoting:—

"If there's ice in November that will bear a duck,
There'll be nothing after but sludge and muck."

"If the ice bear a man before Christmas, it will not bear a mouse after."

The same prevails in West Kent, we are told, only goose and duck are substituted respectively for man and mouse. A similar one is noted in connection with Hallowe'en (11th November N.S.)—

"If ducks do slide at Holland tide,
At Christmas they will swim;
If ducks do swim at Holland-tide,
At Christmas they will slide."

But, as the writer remarks, "the experience of certain great frosts in 1565, 1683, 1762, and 1814 directly opposes this popular view." In the Midland Counties, it seems, there is a proverb to the effect that "if the wind is S.W. at Martinmas (23rd November N.S.), it will keep there till after Christmas."

In the *Sunday at Home* there is a short, well-written story of "The Suspected Man," in addition to which we have noted No. XII. of Dr. Stoughton's historical sketch of "Westminster Abbey," an account of a visit to "Pukapuka; or, Danger Island," in connection with the excellent yet often arduous, and indeed dangerous work undertaken by the South Sea Missions; a narrative of the life and labours in Biblical publication of "Constantine von Tischendorf," and a short story of "The Two Lime Trees." The frontispiece, "St. Martin's Mount," from Turner's picture, is admirably engraved.

The principal attractions in *Cassell's Family Magazine* are the notes on "Gardening in November," a paper by Professor Andrew Wilson, of Edinburgh, on "The Luminosity of the Sea," a highly interesting description of "The Dinner Tables of the Past," sundry wise directions by Mr. A. G. Payne as to the preparation of "Breakfast Dishes," and a paper exhibiting "The Daily Occupations of a Turkish Lady." In addition, there is a second article about "Washing at Home," and "The Eradication of Stains," and 'A Family Doctor' is seasonably earnest in prescribing "All about Asthma." The 'Gatherer,' as usual, is useful and instructive, and any one who may have needlework for which she experiences a difficulty in finding a market will meet, in these pages, with a solution to her difficulty. The two tales, "Caught in the Briars" and "A Hard Case," are concluded. Our hope is that their successors may prove as entertaining. "By the Hearth," drawn by M. E. Edwards, makes an effective frontispiece.

The third part of *The Countries of the World* has special attractions at this moment, when all the world is talking of the Arctic Expedition of Captain Nares, so recently returned to these shores. Dr. Brown is very happy in his description of Arctic life, and the illustrations which accompany his text are in every respect worthy of it. Among the most effectively drawn are those representing "Explorers disturbed by Walrus," "Recreation near the North Pole," and "Wave born Icebergs." "Polar Bear attacked by Eskimo Dogs," from an original sketch, furnishes an admirable frontispiece to the number.

We have also received Part I. of Canon Farrar's well-known work, *The Life of Christ*. Many of our readers, no doubt, are already acquainted with the merits of this work. It has, indeed, been generally eulogised, and no words of ours will affect the opinions which have been pronounced so unanimously. But the publication by Messrs. Cassell and Co. of a new edition, at a price that will enable all classes to include this important work among their biblical possessions, is a service to literature and to the public, which is deserving of all praise. We have plenty of literature of a cheap form, but it is only in the periodical issues of this and other publishing firms that we find quality combined with cheapness. At the same time, Messrs. Cassell, in bringing out *The Life of Christ*, at the moderate cost of seven-pence per number, have spared no pains to make the edition worthy of the work. It is admirably and profusely illustrated, those exhibited places and the customs and habits of the people being taken from photographs, to obtain which Mr. F. Mann Gord specially visited the Holy Land. The copies of medals, coins, &c., are produced under the superintendence of the Rev. S. S. Lewis, corresponding member of the Archaeological Societies of Paris and Berlin, whilst the maps and plans are based on the latest geographical discoveries. Knowing this, we have no manner of doubt that this serial issue of Dr. Farrar's work will find an earnest welcome from all classes of the reading public.

The September number of *The Masonic Herald of Western India* contains a short but excellent article on "Masonic Secrecy," a full account of the meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay on the 4th of April last, as well as of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal held on the 14th of June. In the latter we find a resolution passed, expressing the sincerest regret at the resignation, by R.W. Bro. John B. Roberts, of the District Grand Mastership, and a deep sense of the important services he had rendered to Freemasonry in the Province of Bengal. The general news is interesting, and we rejoice to find the Craft in Western India has so ably conducted an organ to watch over and promote its interests.

We have also received Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive of Vol. I. of the *Standard*, a monthly magazine dedicated to Freemasonry in India. This, likewise, appears to be admirably conducted, and some of the contents, notably an essay on "The Secret Fraternities of the Middle Ages," which gained the Arnold Prize at Oxford in 1865, sundry chapters from "An Ancient History of Freemasonry," and an article

on "Masonic Mnemonics," are eminently readable. We wish our contemporary a long period of prosperity.

Among the contributions to the October number of the *Masonic Jewel* (Memphis, Boyle and Co., 279 Main-street), we have read with pleasure an article by Bro. Robert Morris, on "Dimitted Masons," and an editorial, "Are You a Mason?" We have likewise remarked "A Statistical Table of the Grand Lodges of the Globe," compiled from annual proceedings, by Bro. John Carlowitz, Secretary of "St. Rosa Lodge, No. 16." Knowing as we do the labour that is involved in all such compilations, we think this statistical table is creditable to the zeal and research of Bro. Carlowitz. We shall judge better of its value when we have had more time to analyse it in detail.

Old Warrants.

No. 39.

No. 104, "Ancients;" No. 128 at the "Union of 1813." No. 103 from A.D. 1832, and No. 87 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, Grand Master.

M. GILLIES S.G.W. THOS. HARPER D.G.M. THOMAS MAHON J.G.W.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN WE THE GRAND LODGE of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted MASONS (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred and twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six) in ample form assembled viz. THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL The Most Noble Prince JOHN, Duke, Marquis & Earl of Atholl Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine Earl of Strathray and Strathardle Viscount of Balquider Glenalmoud & Glenlyon Lord Murray Belveny and Gask Constable of the Castle of Kinclaven Lord of Man & the Isles & Earl Strange & Baron Murray of Stanley in the County No. 104 of Gloucester GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THOMAS HARPER ESQ^{RE} DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL MALCOLM GILLIES ESQUIRE SENIOR GRAND WARDEN, and the RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THOMAS MAHON ESQ^R JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN (with the approbation and consent of the WARRANTED LODGES held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster) Do hereby authorize and empower our Trusty and Well beloved Brethren viz. The Worshipful Brother Richard Bloxam one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Brother William Speight his Senior Warden, and The Worshipful Brother Stephen Morton his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a LODGE of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS aforesaid at the Constitution in Drury Lane or elsewhere in London upon the first and third Tuesday and on all seasonable Times and lawful Occasions: And in the said LODGE (when duly congregated) to admit and make FREE MASONS according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the ROYAL CRAFT in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And we do hereby further authorize and empower our said Trusty and Well beloved Brethren Richard Bloxam William Speight and Stephen Morton (with the consent of the Members of their LODGE) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this WARRANT, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as FREE MASONS &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c. &c. Such Installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY during the Continuance of this LODGE for ever Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this WARRANT to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our GRAND LODGE in London this eighteenth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Ten and in the year of MASONRY Five thousand eight hundred and ten.

ROBERT LESLIE

Grand Secretary.

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To all whom it may concern

We the Grand Lodge of the most ANCIENT and HONOURABLE Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine Hundred twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry Four thousand nine hundred twenty and six) in ample Form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful Most Potent and Puissant Lord the Right Honourable Randal William McDonnell Earl

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A General Meeting of the St. Andrews Lodge, Drybridge, took place on Wednesday, the 5th inst., for the purpose of installing the Proxy Master and Wardens, and investing them with the Masonic clothing of the Lodge. A number of the members of Grand Lodge, including Bros. W. Barton, S. M. Munro, and W. Bryce, took part in the proceedings. The Lodge was opened by the R.W. Master, Bro. John Campbell, and some preliminary business having been disposed of, the Proxy Master, Bro. H. Muir, and Proxy Wardens, Bros. J. Macpherson and A. Duff, were introduced with the usual honours, and addressed by the Master on the duties of their offices. They were then regularly installed and invested in the very handsome clothing and badges specially prepared for the occasion. The Lodge afterwards did honour to Bro. ex-Convener Daniel Robertson, Grand Bible Bearer to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who, as representing the Grand Lodge, had laid the foundation stone (on the 17th of August, 1872) of their new and beautiful hall, by presenting him with a very handsome silver trowel as a memento of that occasion. The trowel, which was manufactured by Bro. Alexander Hay, the Grand Jeweller, bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the Lodge St. Andrew, Drybridge, No. 380, to Bro. Daniel Robertson, the V.W. Grand Bible Bearer to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, as a memento of his having laid the foundation stone of the new Freemasons' Hall, Drybridge, on 17th August, 1872."—At the request of the master, the presentation was made in a eulogistic address by Bro. John Laurie, the Grand Secretary, amid the plaudits of the brethren. Bro. Robertson returned thanks for the compliment paid him. Bro. D. Shepherd was deputed by the Master to present Bro. Laurie with a very elegant gold pen and pencil case, in testimony of the Lodge's appreciation of his uniform courtesy to them, and the careful attention he had given to the Lodge business at all times. Bro. Laurie thanked them. The Proxy Master and Wardens were for a short time called on to rule. The brethren invited the members of the Grand Lodge to the banquet, and a very happy evening was passed.

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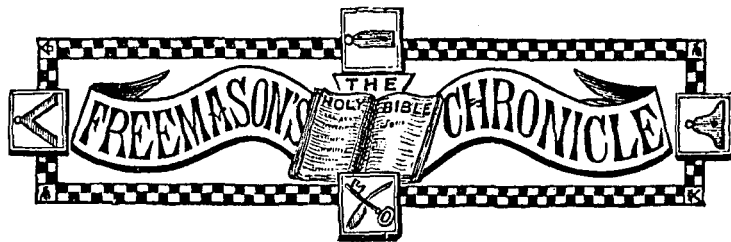
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen and Princess Beatrice are still at Balmoral, in the neighbourhood of which they have been making frequent excursions. At Sandringham, the Prince and Princess of Wales have been entertaining a succession of guests, among them being the Prince of Orange and Princess Louis of Hesse, who took their leave on Saturday; the Earl of Beaconsfield, who returned to town on Monday; the Duke and Duchess of Manchester, the Duke and Duchess of Westminster, the Marquis of Hartington, and the Earl and Countess of Granville. On Friday night their Royal Highnesses gave a ball in connection with the Prince's birthday, and on Monday they drove to the meet of the West Norfolk hounds. On Monday, the Prince left Sandringham for Merfon, the seat of Lord Walsingham, on a short visit. On the 20th inst., his Royal Highness will visit Norwich, for the purpose of installing Bro. Lord Suffield as Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk. At the conclusion of the ceremony he will accompany his lordship to his seat at Gunton Park. All the needful preparations have been made at Norwich for the reception of the Prince, and we doubt not the occasion will be a great success.

Bristol is in the habit of celebrating at this season of the year the anniversary of the great philanthropist, Colston, when the opportunity is taken for a great political demonstration by the rival political parties. At the Conservative banquet held on Monday evening, in honour of the occasion, Sir Stafford Northcote was the hero, and delivered a long and elaborate speech on the present political crisis. Mr. Lowe was present at the Liberal gathering held the same evening, and likewise delivered a long speech, in which he criticised the acts of Her Majesty's Government with a considerable amount of freedom. The one other Parliamentary utterance of the week that is noteworthy has been that of Lord George Hamilton, who very naturally defended the conduct of the Ministry of which he is a subordinate member.

Following closely on her Majesty's congratulatory letter to Captain Nares and the officers and crews of the Arctic Expedition comes an Admiralty Minute, which speaks in terms equally eulogistic of the services rendered to geographical science by the gallant members of the Expedition. The Minute very properly lays great stress on the arduous nature of the enterprise, and of the magnificent zeal and endurance shown by all, under circumstances the most trying. Nor has the Admiralty confined itself to this mere expression of thanks. The Minute includes a list of officers, each of whom is promoted to a higher step in rank, and a second list of those whose services are directed to be

favourably noted; while as regards the petty officers and seamen, their Lordships promise, as soon as they have received Captain Nares's report of those worthy of advancement, to bestow upon them further marks of their approbation. The splendid fellows of the Alert and Discovery will deeply appreciate this kindly recognition of their services. The Queen has further commanded that the Master of the Mint be instructed to prepare a die, and cast a number of medals sufficient for distribution among the officers and crews of the Alert, Discovery, and yacht Pandora. Last, but not least, the officers and men return from their leave on Friday next, and the Corporation of Portsmouth are proposing to entertain the officers at a banquet, while a town meeting will be convened early next week for the purpose of taking steps to entertain the crew. Captain Brandreth and the officers of the gunnery ship Excellent will likewise give a dinner to Captain Nares and his brother officers, the 28th instant being the day selected.

On Wednesday evening a grand banquet was held in the Corn Exchange, Preston, in honour of the visit of the Grand Master and Directors of the Independent Order of Odd-fellows (Manchester Unity). Mr. E. Hermon M.P. presided, and Mr. Clifton M.P., the Mayor of the town, Colonel Lowry, and others were present, together with a numerous gathering of members. Mr. Hermon congratulated the meeting on the great progress the Order had made. In 1845, it numbered 248,000 members, while in 1875 it boasted 495,000, or very little short of half a million. He also congratulated the Order on its objects, and the principles which actuated it; and he further threw out a most valuable suggestion, having for its object the prevention or adjustment of trade differences between employers and the employed. His proposal amounted, in fact, to the establishment of a kind of court of arbitration for the settlement of all disputes, the court to be composed of the secretaries and representatives of both sides. The utility of such a proposal is beyond all question.

The Great National Poultry and Pigeon Show at the Crystal Palace was opened on Tuesday, and closed yesterday. No more suitable place for such an exhibition can be imagined than the Sydenham Palace. There is ample accommodation for any number of exhibits; and, accordingly, when the show was opened to the public on Tuesday, it was found there were only very few short of four thousand entries. These included, among the poultry, some splendid specimens of the Dorking, Cochin, Brahmas, Houdan, Spanish, and other breeds; while the ducks and geese and turkeys were highly to be commended. Among the pigeons exhibited, there were the usual attractions in the shape of Tumblers, Pouters, Almonds, and Almond-Tumblers, Dragons, Jacobins, Archangels, and Trumpeters. The judges' awards appear to have given pretty general satisfaction.

The appeal of Captain Kuhn, of the Franconia, which ran down the British steam-ship Strathclyde, within sight of Dover, and so caused the death of a British subject, against the sentence of imprisonment passed upon him, was heard before a full Court of Judges, including the Lord Chief Justice of England, Lord Coleridge, and the Lord Chief Baron, on Saturday and Monday, when the conviction was quashed by a majority of seven to six, it being also understood that the late Judge Archibald, only recently deceased, was on the side of the majority. The majority was composed of the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Chief Baron Kelly, Justices Lush and Field, Barons Bramwell and Pollock, and Sir R. Phillimore; the minority, of Lord Coleridge, Justices Brett, Grove, Denman, and Lindley, and Baron Amphlett.

On Friday evening last there was a collision in the English Channel, within a few miles of the Eddystone Lighthouse. Within a few hours after leaving Plymouth Sound, the New Zealand Company's iron ship Hurunui, 1012 tons, bound with emigrants for Wellington, New Zealand, and having some 300 persons on board, ran into a barque, and had, in consequence, to put back to Plymouth. It subsequently transpired that the barque, which had a crew of eleven men on board, sank a short time after the collision, carrying down with her seven of the eleven. The remaining four managed to scramble into a boat, but having no oars, they drifted into the surf and capsized, one of the number being drowned, while the other three climbed on to the rocks in Polkerry Bay, in a very exhausted state. The Hurunui suffered considerable damage by the collision, and will probably be detained for some time in har-

bour, pending the examination she will have to undergo, and the inquiry that will take place. An equally calamitous accident happened on Tuesday morning, on the north-east coast, a few miles from Hartlepool, when the Norwegian barque Insuland was run ashore, having become so water-logged on Monday night as to be unmanageable. Her crew were nine in number, but only one of them was able to reach the rocks in safety. As there was a terrible gale raging in the North Sea at the commencement of this week, this will probably not be the last loss of which we shall hear from the north-east coast of England and elsewhere.

In a few weeks the Smithfield Club will be holding their annual Cattle Show, and the Agricultural Hall, Islington, will be thronged with sightseers, all anxious to inspect the prize beef, mutton, and pork, and the agricultural implements that will be gathered together from all parts of England. About the same time the Alexandra Palace will be the scene of another interesting exhibition; a great Dog Show, to be held under the auspices of the Kennel Club, being announced for the 5th prox. and three following days, when over £1,000 will be given away in prizes. Londoners need such attractions as these when the weather is dull and muggy, as it so commonly is now at this season of the year.

While there is life there is hope, and so long as peace actually prevails, we may indulge in the hope, however visionary it may appear to be, that the fell dogs of war will not be loosed again in the East of Europe. Unfortunately, we have hardly had time to congratulate ourselves that an armistice has been agreed to, when the Czar of Russia addresses an assemblage of nobles at Moscow in a speech which, if it has been correctly reported in the daily papers, and words have any meaning, means war. And as if to make his Imperial Majesty's meaning still more clear, his Chancellor, Prince Gortschakoff has addressed a circular despatch to all the Russian ministers at foreign courts, the tone of which is said to be even more bellicose than the speech. Orders have at the same time been issued for the mobilization of six army corps, that is, of little short of a quarter of a million of men, with over 600 guns, and the Emperor's brother, the Grand Duke Nicholas, it is said, will hold the supreme command. An order has also been promulgated forbidding the export of horses from Southern and Western Russia. Thus, just when the commission appointed to mark the boundary between the late belligerent armies of Servia, Montenegro, and Turkey is holding its first sittings; just when the plenipotentiaries of the several Great Powers are hastening to meet in Conference at Constantinople, for the purpose of settling honourably the terms and conditions of a durable peace, the news comes upon us, like a thunder-clap, that Russia means having her own way regardless of treaties, or going to war. No wonder there has been, these last few days, something like a feeling of consternation on every Exchange in Europe; that Funds have fallen, and trade is paralysed everywhere. Be it remembered, these are statements of fact, as recorded, by telegram or otherwise, in the various daily papers, not expressions of opinion. So, too, is it a fact that news is reported to have reached Berlin from Warsaw, that a rising of the Poles is imminent; so likewise that Turkey is arming to the teeth, so as to be prepared to meet, as best she may, the deadly embrace of the Russian bear. The news about the Poles, which may, after all, turn out to be a mere sham, reminds us of certain events in 1863, which are no more likely to be forgotten by the friends of humanity than are the Turkish atrocities of last spring in Bulgaria. However, we have stated the chief political news of the week, and that is all it concerns us to say in these columns.

A movement is on foot for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Bro. Frederick Walters, who, during a connection with the Craft of about one-and-twenty years, has earned for himself the respect and esteem of his fellows. Bro. Walters was initiated in the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, in November 1855, and became its W.M. in 1863. He has been connected with several other Lodges, in nearly every case as one of the founders. He has also played an active part in Royal Arch Masonry, having been exalted in the Chapter of Hope, No. 206, in 1857, and subsequently M.E.Z. of Lebanon Chapter, of which, as well as of other Chapters, he was one of the founders. Bro. Walters is P.G.J.D. Midd., and P.G. 1st A.S. Midd. In Mark Masonry he was advanced in No. 1, St. Mark's, in 1857, was W.M.

Samson and Lion Lodge, No. 86, and is P.G.P. in Grand Lodge of M.M.M. He has also been installed in Prince's Conclave of Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, and was first Sovereign of the Rose and Lily Conclave. At this moment Bro. Walters is a subscribing member of eleven Craft Lodges and four Chapters, and has served the office of Steward to one or other of our Charities no less than thirteen different times. He is Vice-President of the Boys', and a Life Governor of the Girls' and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in respect of both male and female funds. The Committee has Bro. Dubois, P.G.S.D. Midd., as its Chairman. Bro. J. Baxter Langley, W.M. 1423, has consented to act as its Treasurer, and Bro. J. W. Baldwin, P.A.G.P. Midd., as its Secretary. Already several contributions have been promised, no less than eight Lodges and three Chapters being set down for sums ranging from two to ten guineas, irrespective of contributions from individual members. Bro. Walters has worked long, ardently, and successfully in the service of Freemasonry, and we trust the efforts of the Committee organised to raise this testimonial will be as nearly as possible commensurate with Bro. Walters's merits.

The first of a series of eight concerts of the "North Kensington Musical Evenings for Gentlemen" was given on Saturday, 11th November, at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill. This was a great success. The following artistes assisted, and all ably acquitted themselves: Bros. Lazarus, clarinet; J. C. Arlidge, flute; Mr. J. B. Jeffreys, piano-forte. Several part songs were given by the London Vocal Union, and the singing of Messrs. Kempton, Kenningham and C. Beckett was all that could be desired. Bro. F. Walker was an excellent conductor.

A few weeks since Bro. Hughan, in writing to Bro. Pitt, Secretary to the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, expressed a hope that ere long the Lodge would "include Lectures on the History of the Craft in its curriculum." We are in a position to state that a brother, who is a member of that Lodge, has expressed his readiness to act upon Bro. Hughan's suggestion, and will deliver a Lecture the first meeting the Lodge can conveniently place at his disposal. If this prove a success, it will be followed, at intervals, by other lectures, as time and opportunity permit.

On the occasion of the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Norwich, on Monday next, the Great Eastern Railway Company will run, in addition to the ordinary trains, a special train from Ipswich at 9.45 a.m., which will call at the intermediate stations, and is due at Norwich at 11.55 a.m.

We understand that the Right Hon. Lord Waveney, R.W.P.G.M. of Suffolk, has appointed the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Rector of Long Melford, Suffolk, to be D.P.G.M. in the room of the late Rev. E. I. Lockwood. We venture to predict that this appointment will be very popular in the Province. Brother Martyn is not only an active and good worker, but a highly distinguished Mason, whose exertions in the cause recently inspired us to depict him in our Masonic Portraits, under the title of the Christian Minister. His numerous friends, both in the Order and elsewhere, will rejoice to learn that he has taken another step up the Masonic ladder, and has entered another sphere of usefulness.

The consecration of the Era Chapter, No. 1423, will take place at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court, Middlesex, on Saturday, 25th November. The ceremony will be performed by Comp. Col. F. Burdett, Grand Superintendent Middlesex, P.Z., assisted by Robert Wentworth Little, G.H. Middlesex, and several Companions of distinction. Comps. T. J. Sabine, P.Z. and Treasurer 73, is the M.E.Z. designate, E. H. Thiellay, W.M. 145, II. designate, J. B. Langley J. designate, and F. Walters, P.Z. P.G. 1st Assistant, acting S.E.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, No. 902, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales Road, Kentish Town, on Friday, 1st December 1876. The chair will be taken at 7 o'clock precisely, by Bro. J. F. Wuest, Preceptor, P.M. 753.

The Kent Lodge of Instruction, under the sanction of the Kent Lodge, No. 15, will be opened at Bro. Hallowe's,

The Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, on Thursday, the 23rd inst., on which occasion the ceremony of installation will be worked by Bro. James Pinder, the W.M. of the mother Lodge, who will take the chair at 7 o'clock.

Bro. J. H. Jennings, the courteous manager of the Oxford Music Hall, who, since the death of the late proprietor, Bro. M. Syer, has conducted that establishment, announces his annual benefit for Wednesday, the 22nd inst. In addition to the company, many well known artists have volunteered their services for the occasion.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CORNWALL.

The meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall took place at the Masonic Hall, New Public Rooms, Truro, on Tuesday the 7th instant. Sir F. M. Williams, Bart. M.P., Prov. Grand Mark Master, in the chair. A large number of members belonging to the degree, from various parts of Cornwall, were present, the following Lodges sending representatives:—No. 73, Meridian, Redruth, No. 78, Fortitude, Truro, No. 87, Cornubian, Hayle, No. 94, Love and Honour, Falmouth, No. 101, Boscawen, Chacewater, No. 175, St. Michael, Helston. The meeting was to have been held at Chacewater, but in consequence of the Masonic Hall not being ready, it was held at Truro, for the convenience of members. Sir F. M. Williams, who was enthusiastically received, referred in his opening address to the prosperity of Mark Masonry, not only in Cornwall, but throughout England, and stated the pleasing facts that Prince Leopold had been "advanced" at Oxford, and that there were now 200 Lodges, with 10,000 members, under the Grand Mark Lodge of England. He also referred very feelingly to the loss the province had sustained by the death of Bro. Thomas Soloman, late Prov. Grand Secretary, and expressed regret at receiving a letter from Bro. Reginald Rogers, resigning the office of Deputy-Prov. Grand Master, in consequence of ill health. The reports of the various Lodges showed an increase of members in the province. Bro. William Tweedy, J.P., No. 78, was appointed as Deputy-Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. William Tregay, No. 73, was proposed for re-election as Prov. Grand Treasurer, and the voting was unanimous in his favour. The following officers were appointed and invested by the Prov. Grand Master:—Bros. W. Tweedy, 78, D.P.G.M., Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, M.A., 175, S.P.G.W., John Paull, 101, J.P.G.W., John Coombe, 87, P.G.M.O., J. H. Reynolds, 73, P.G.S.O., T. C. Polglaze, 94, P.G.J.O., Rev. A. H. Ferris, 78, P.G. Chaplain, W. Tregay, 73, P.G. Treasurer, William Lake, 78, P.G. Reg., William Jas. Johns, 78, P.G. Secretary, J. R. James, 175, P.G.S.D. Thomas Taylor, 175, P.G.J.D., Samuel Mitchell, 101, P.G.S. of Works, Samuel Harvey, 78, P.G.D.C., E. M. Cock, 73, A.G.D.C., Captain Michell, 78, P.G.S.B., R. H. Heath, 73, P.G. Organist, W. Rooks, 78, P.G.P., Thomas Davey, 73, G. B. Pearce, 871, and W. Johns, 94, P.G. Stewards, and John Langdon, 78, P.G. Tyler. The sum of £5 was voted to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. Several invitations for the holding of the next Provincial Grand Lodge were received, and the Provincial Grand Master promised to consider the matter. The meeting was one of the most successful ever held in connection with Mark Masonry in the province, and the officers appeared in collars and jewels presented to the Lodge by the P.G.M.—*Western Morning News*.

A GRAND LODGE FOR NEW ZEALAND.

A telegram in the *Thames Advertiser* states:—A meeting of delegates, representing the various Masonic Lodges in the Colony, holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, is to be held in the Provincial Council Chambers, Wellington, on Monday next, at four o'clock, under the presidency of Mr. Vincent Pyke, P.P.G.M., to consider the propriety of forming a Grand Lodge for New Zealand. Delegates from the north and from the west coast of the Middle Island have already arrived here to take part in the proceedings.

In Memoriam.

It is with great regret we announce, this week, the very sudden death, on Sunday last, of Bro. William Booth, at his residence, Cecil House, Crouch End. Bro. W. Booth was the first W.M. of the Robin Hood Lodge, No. 1493, which meets at Eastwood, Notts. He was a Vice President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and was proverbial as being ready at all times to assist in relieving distress whenever and howsoever brought before him. His death will be felt by a very numerous circle of friends.

The death of Bro. J. Vause, of the Spotted Dog, Upton, Essex, after a long and painful illness, took place on the 15th inst. Bro. Vause leaves a widow and family, in addition to a numerous circle of Masonic friends.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 18th NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W.

MONDAY, 20th NOVEMBER.

Installation of Lord Suffeld as Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk, by the M.W.G.M., H.R.E. the Prince of Wales, at Norwich.

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.)
185—Tranquillity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., at 5.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
885—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1502—Israel, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
R. A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Room, Athenæum, Lancaster.

TUESDAY, 21st NOVEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
65—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
194—St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
1008—Tregullov, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
R. A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
R. A. 340—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred-street, Oxford.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER.

General Committee of Grand Lodge, and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.

103—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.)
1289—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.)
109—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
1030—St. John's, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
R. A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.

THURSDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, 152 Fulham-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—Great City, 111 Cheapside, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
M. M. Temple, Gun Tavern, Wapping. (Instruction.)

78—Imperial George, Assheaton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Arderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R. A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
R. A. 202—Liverpool, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
R. A. 657—Canonbury, Masons Arms Tav. Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-st., E.C.
R. A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.

FRIDAY, 24th NOVEMBER.

589—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road.
861—Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Islington, N.
933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., 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. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
R. A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.

SATURDAY, 25th NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

IRELAND.

MONDAY—795—Ashfield, Private Rooms, Church-st., Cootchill, County Cavan.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

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

MONDAY.

R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

FRIDAY.

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

SATURDAY.

308—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharnciffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

MONDAY.

424—Borough, Freemason's Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
M. M. 124—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street, Sunderland.

TUESDAY.

1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
R. A. 764—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, Upper Church-street, West Hartlepool.

WEDNESDAY.

Northumberland and Berwick Mark Lodge.

THURSDAY.

1418—Fraternity, Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-road, Stockton-on-Tees.

FRIDAY.

K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—44—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.
" 405—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 62 Nicolson-street.

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—332—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

TUESDAY—3 bis.—St. John's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

" 4—Kilwinning, 162 Kent-road, Glasgow.

" 73—Thistle and Rose, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

" 87—Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, Cathedral-street, Glasgow.

" 437—Govandale, Partland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.

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

THURSDAY—465—St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garnagad-road, Glasgow.

FRIDAY—Quarterly Communication of P.G. Chapter of Lanarkshire, 213 Buchanan-street.

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

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

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

St. George Chapter Rose Croix.—Met on Thursday, the 9th November, at 33 Golden-square. Present—Capt. Philips 33°, Maj. G. Barlow 33°, Raphael Costa 33°, James Stevens 18° as M.W. Sovereign, Captain Portlock Dadson 32°, Lieut.-Colonel Somerville Burney 31°, John Read 30°, Bros. Wilkins, Jekyll, Harrison, Kuyvett, Reeves, Drewitt, Saunders, Castle, Davison, Gibson, &c. Bro. North Ritherdon was perfected in the 18°, and a Past Sovereign's jewel presented to Bro. Frederic Davison 18° P.M.W.S.

Southwark Mark Lodge, No. 22.—The Installation meeting was held on Tuesday, the 14th instant, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bros. C. T. Sparks W.M., J. H. Spencer S.W., Horton M.O., Rev. Bro. Hatch Chaplain. P.M.'s Bros. Stidolph, Wilkins Treasurer, J. Read Secretary, Pone Assis. Sec., and Bros. Walsham, Smith, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed, also those of the emergency meeting. The Bye-laws, as proposed, were passed. The ceremony of Installation was then excellently rendered by the retiring W.M., Bro. C. T. Sparks, who installed his successor, Bro. J. H. Spencer, who then appointed his Officers. A cordial vote of thanks was carried by acclamation to Bro. C. T. Sparks, for the able manner he had performed the ceremony of Installation. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a banquet, provided by Bro. Spencer. The usual loyal and other toasts were given. The brethren were honoured by the presence of Bro. Col. Burdett P.G.M.M. Middlesex. Some excellent music, under the direction of Bro. J. Read, who was assisted by Bros. Hodges, Beckett and Lacy, was then given.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—On Monday last, at the "Old Jerusalem Tavern," St. John's Gate, St. John's-square, E.C. Bros. A. Rowley W.M., H. P. Isaac S.W., Killick Secretary and J.W., S. Jones S.D., Fenner J.D., Hunt I.G., Christopher Tyler; P.M. Bros. Beckett Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. J. Clark 188, Hunter 228, Field 917. Business—Lodge opened, and minutes confirmed. The ceremonies of the 1st and 2nd degrees were rehearsed, Bros. Percy and Trewinnard acting as candidates. Several sections were worked. Bros. J. Clark, Hunter and Field were elected members. Bro. H. P. Isaac was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Panmure Royal Arch Chapter, No. 72.—Held its regular meeting on Monday, the 13th of November, at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, the officers present being Comps. Rev. W. B. Church M.E.Z., G. H. N. Bridges H., G. Waterall J., James Stevens P.Z. S.E., H. C. Levander P.Z. Treas., Henry Smith P.Z., M. S. Larlham P.S., Barrell 1st A.S., Thomas Meggy Steward, John Gilbert Tyler. Beyond the opening and closing of the Chapter there was no ceremonial business, but propositions for exaltation at ensuing Convocation, and some important Chapter business, occupied the attention of the Companions until the hour of refreshment, when adjournment ensued, and the usual "feast of reason" and "flow of soul" which has distinguished this Chapter from its foundation to the present time made the subsequent hour or two all too brief, and the inevitable separation the more to be regretted.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The weekly convocation of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, under particularly favourable auspices. The influx of Companions was greater than had been anticipated, and we are glad to know that this School of Instruction is once again merging into notoriety. Notwithstanding that one of its founders has retired from active service, there are Companions who we find ready to impart the knowledge they possess for the benefit of other aspirants for office. The members assembled at the usual time of meeting—viz., 6.30, and the Chapter was opened under the auspices of the following:—Comps. G. N. Newman Z., J. Constable H., J. C. Cox J., J. Boyd Treasurer, T. W. White Scribe E., Wm. Stephens Scribe N., J. W. Berrie P.S. Upon the minutes of the previous convocation having received assent, the M.E.Z. rehearsed the ceremony of exaltation, Comp. Bull being candidate. Comp. Boyd, the ever zealous worker, then explained the Royal Arch jewel in conjunction with the solids. We cannot but regret the absence of the acting M.E.Z. of the previous week, as he then attended particularly to hear this portion of the clause. We feel confident he will share our regret, knowing his anxiety to perfect himself in this branch. The election of officers resulted in the selection of Comps. J. Constable Z., J. C. Cox H., W. E. Gompertz J., J. Seex N., J. W. Berrie P.S. Comps. S. Rawson P.G. Supt. China, and F. W. Grist were elected joining members. Comp. Rawson, in returning thanks, said that although he had held a high position in the Craft during his lifetime, he yet wanted instruction, and he was pleased to testify to the excellent manner in which the business of the evening had been discharged. A few days since he was astounded to find an exception taken to his working, and the ostensible object of his visit was to test its accuracy. He was pleased to find that only a few verbal alterations (improvements, he must admit) were necessary to perfect his ritual. He also begged to add his testimony to the great treat afforded by Comp. Boyd, who had so lucidly and eloquently explained the R.A. jewel. He was aware that such erudition was manifested in this and other Chapters of Instruction presided over by our able Companion, but he had never before heard the elucidation as rendered, and he hoped that Chapters in general would take example, and enable members to obtain a greater insight of the inner working. He knew that time was generally run close, but still there were many who would be pleased to receive the explanations which he had heard. He desired to express his obligations for the courtesy he had received at the hands of the members. There were present Comps. A. A. Drew, G. P. Gillard, G. J. Row, W. Noak, Thos. Bull, G. K. Lemann, R. W. Goddard, G. Waterall, G. D'Arcy, Nathan Moss, &c.

St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 69.—This Chapter held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at 25 Robertson Street, the M.E.Z. Comp. T. Campbell presiding. There were five candidates in attendance, the ceremony being performed in Comp. Campbell's usual able style.

Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73.—The regular Convocation of the above was held on Thursday, 9th Nov., at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Present—Comps. W. Smeed P.Z. as M.E.Z., J. W. Baldwin II., J. Mason J., F. Walters P.Z. P.G. 1st Assist. Middlesex S.E., J. T. Moss P.Z., J. S. Sweasey, M. D. Loewenstark, J. H. Spencer, and several others. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. A letter was read from the M.E.Z., Comp. H. A. Dubois, regretting his inability to be present, owing to the death of a younger brother. Feelings of sympathy were exhibited by all present. A letter of apology was also read from Comp. T. J. Sabine. A ballot was taken for the admission of Comp. J. W. Clarke, 177, Domatic Chapter, as a joining member, which was unanimous in his favour. Ballots were also taken for the admission of Bros. W. Dunham P.M. 700, and A. J. Ireton S.D. 73, which also resulted satisfactorily, and they were exalted into R.A. Masonry by the acting M.E.Z. Comps. Baldwin II. and J. Mason J., with the other officers, being perfect, afforded the exaltees an opportunity of expressing how they were impressed with the solemnity of the ceremony. Several notices of motion respecting the bye-laws were given. Comp. F. Walters P.Z. proposed, and Comp. J. W. Baldwin H. seconded, that a testimonial of the value of five guineas be given (from the funds of the Chapter) to Comp. W. Smeed P.Z., as a slight recognition of the many and valuable services rendered by him, and of the regard and esteem he is held in by every Companion in the Chapter. The choice of the testimonial to be left to him. This was carried. Comp. W. Smeed thanked the Companions for their kindness. He said his services were always at their command. Several propositions for exaltation were given. The Chapter was then closed, and adjourned until 11th Jan. 1877. The company partook of an excellent supper, where the usual toasts were given. The Visitors were Comps. W. S. Wyman 176, W. T. Lover 176, and T. W. Clark 177.

Elias Ashmore Chapter, No. 148, Warrington.—The regular convocation of this Chapter was held at the Chapter Rooms, on Monday last. The M.E.Z. Comp. W. Sharp, Prov. G.J.W., was supported by his officers, and a goodly number of Companions. The Chapter was opened, the minutes read, and the following three brothers balloted for and accepted, viz:—Bros. A. H. Young, S. E., John and Thos. Hutchison. The M.E.Z. performed the ceremony of exaltation, and the lectures were delivered as follows:—Historic, Comp. Brierley, J.; Symbolic, Comp. P. J. Edelsten, H.; Mystic, E. Comp. John Bowes P.Z., &c. In the absence of Comp. J. R. Young P.S., his work was undertaken and admirably performed by one of his assistants, Comp. Thos. Tunstall. Two Brethren were proposed, and Comp. John Armstrong of No. 680 admitted. There being no further business, the Companions adjourned to refreshment.

Phoenix Lodge, No. 173.—The first regular meeting, since the vacation, of this ancient Lodge, was held on Saturday the 11th

inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The W.M., Bro. J. D. Massey, occupied the chair; supported by Bros. S. Phillips S.W., J. Finch, J.W., J. Burford Treasurer, E. W. Mathews Secretary, E. W. Ellen S.D., Blyth J.D., J. Andrews I.G., Jekyll Organist, and P.M.'s W. Watson P.G.S., F. R. Vine, H. R. Sharman, T. Witt, G. R. Green, and a numerous attendance of the members and visitors. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former meeting and the Emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Messrs. Wood and Lorenz were initiated into the Order, and Bros. Gilbert, Stanham, and Vine were passed. Great credit is due to the W.M. for his excellent working—he was ably supported by the wardens and officers. The following notice of motion was given by the W.M.:—"That application be made to Grand Chapter for a charter or warrant of Constitution for a Chapter, to be called the Phoenix Chapter, No. 173, to be attached to this Lodge." This was carried unanimously, and the W.M. was complimented on the attainment of that object; while numerous applications were made by the brethren present to enrol themselves. Comp. J. D. Massey was requested to sign the petition, as the 1st M.E.Z. A notice of motion was given to make the Lodge Vice Patron of the three Masonic Charities. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, over sixty, sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert. This gave great satisfaction, and the W.M., in the name of the Lodge, requested Br. Dawkins, the manager of the Tavern Company, to attend. He complimented him on the manner the banquet had been served. Bro. Dawkins expressed his thanks; his study would be the comfort of the Brethren. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Br. Witt P.M., in eulogistic terms, gave the health of the W.M. He stated that since Bro. Massey had occupied the chair, he had given every satisfaction. They had seen how ably he had performed the ceremony. To-night they had heard of the application for a Chapter; he was sure, under the auspices of the W.M., it would be a success (Cheers). The W.M., on rising to reply, was enthusiastically received. He thanked Bro. Witt; he had met with nothing but kindness from every Bro. in the Lodge. The advent of a Chapter would be also a great incentive for him to look after their interests. The toast of the "Initiates," followed, and was duly responded to. The "Visitors," was next given and acknowledged. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters. The time would shortly arrive when he hoped to be numbered among those honoured and distinguished Brethren, and he might justly say this from their position in the Craft, and for the admirable manner in which every one had discharged his duty. He was pleased to see so many among them, and he hoped they would each respond. The Past Masters severally returned thanks. The toast of the "Wardens and Officers" was then given. The W.M. said he was proud of them; they were all qualified to fill the chair, when the proper time should arrive. Bro. Phillips S.W. felt flattered; he thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and he hoped to occupy the proud position the W.M. now held. The Treasurer followed; While they were enjoying good banquets, and were in a flourishing condition, he was pleased to see that they had not, nor ever would, forget the Masonic Charities. The Tylor's toast brought the proceedings to a close. Bros. Jekyll, Farquharson, and others, favoured the Brethren with some excellent harmony.

St. Marks Lodge, Glasgow, No. 102.—Held their annual meeting, for election, in their own Hall, 213 Buchanan-street, on Monday 13th. In the avoidable absence of the Master, and also of Bro. J. F. Mitchell I.P.M., the Lodge was presided over by Bro. A. Patterson. The elections were all unanimous, and the following are the Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. James Thompson R.W.M., R. Jameson D.M., J. Renton S.W., J. Littlejohn J.W., J. O. Smith I.P.M., A. C. Paterson T., John Monteith Sec., Neil Campbell S.D., Neil Brown J.D., Mc Killoch Architect, T. Halket B.B., J. F. Mitchell D. of C., R. Hayes D. of M., N. E. Currie P.G.S., Seth Dory S.S., H. Cammer Std. B., Stewart I.G., and J. B. Hardie Tyler. At the request of the Acting Master, Bro. G. W. Wheeler then initiated Mr. Alexander Fraser into the Order. The thanks of Lodge were given to Bro. Wheeler for his services, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

Percy Lodge Instruction, No. 198.—On Saturday, the 11th of November, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, corner of Church Road, Islington. Bros. G. E. Cook W.M., Macarthy S.W., Defries J.W., Halford Treasurer, Killick S.D., Powell J.D., Weeden I.G., Visitors—Bros. Fox 65, Bonson 192, Field 917, Davies 1278, and Hislop 1471. Minutes of previous meeting confirmed; the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Brasted acting as candidate; several sections of the First and Second Lectures were worked. Bros. Fox, Benson, Field, Davis and Hislop were elected members. A vote of thanks to the W.M. was unanimously carried, this being the first time he had presided in this Lodge. Bro. Macarthy was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205.—This Lodge held its usual meeting at Bro. Yetton's, the Rising Sun, Globe-road, Bethnal-green, on the 12th instant. Bro. Austin P.M. Preceptor, Bros. Ellis W.M., Andrews S.W., Defries J.W., Taylor S.D., Dix J.D., T. Yetton I.G., Musto P.M. Hen. Sec., and several other brethren. The W.M. rehearsed the 2nd degree, Bro. Myers being candidate. The W.M. worked the 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture, and Bro. Hewlett the 4th and 5th sections, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Hewlett worked the 2nd section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Andrews having been elected to the chair, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until the 19th inst., at seven o'clock.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435.—On Thursday, the 16th of November, at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W. Present—Bros. G. Davis W.M., Wray S.W., Farwig J.W., T. Cull Secretary, J. Mander Preceptor, Weeks S.D.,

Docker J.D., Harrison I.G., and Bros. Parkhouse 511 and 1642. Parsons, Reibold, Woods, Day, Bower, R. J. Taylor 144, Collins, S. Lloyd, Willis, and Shand. Business—Lodge opened and minutes confirmed. Advanced to third degree, and ceremony of raising rehearsed. Bro. Parkhouse being the candidate. The First, Second, and Third Sections were then worked by Bro. Cull. The Lodge was then closed down, and Bros. Taylor 144, Day 1563, and Parkhouse 511, were elected joining members. Bro. Wray S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked here on Thursday, the 30th instant. Bro. Cull to preside.

Atthol Lodge, No. 413.—This Lodge met on Tuesday, 14th inst., at 213 Buchanan Street, Glasgow, Bros. Louttit R.W.M., Walter Nelson D.M., D. Leeds S.W., and A. Holmes J.W. The first degree was ably wrought by the Depute Master, after which Bro. Louttit, in his able manner, passed a brother to the degree of Fellow Craft.

Star Lodge.—This Lodge held its Nomination Meeting on Monday, in its own Hall, No. 12 Trongate, Glasgow, Bro. Morgan R.W.M. presiding. He was proposed for re-election, but declined to stand. Bro. Martin, the D.M., was then nominated unanimously, but some little contest is likely to take place at the next meeting for the subordinate offices.

Belgrave Lodge, No. 749.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 8th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. There was a full attendance of the officers and brethren; and, among the visitors, were Bros. Rosenthal P.P.S.D. Middlesex, Liusell P.P.G.P. Mid., Thos. J. Cusworth 813, J. D. Loverdo 1196, G. G. Leech 201, J. L. Cogan 1365. The minutes were unanimously confirmed, and the ballot having been taken for Messrs. Henry W. L. Hobbs, and Richard J. Tyrrell, as initiates, and one for Bro. Captain Redhead, of the Oriental Lodge, Constantinople, as a joining member—all unanimously elected—the W.M., Bro. William Batey, passed Bros. McCreary, Culpin, Clemence, and Chesney. The installation of Bro. Joseph William Hobbs, the late S.W., as W.M., then took place, which was worked by Bro. Henry Garrod, who certainly deserves great praise for the manner in which it was conducted. The installed W.M. then initiated Messrs. Hobbs and Tyrrell, in a masterly manner. The officers invested by the new W.M., each with an appropriate speech, were—Bros. Greenwood S.W., R. E. Booker J.W., G. Gardner S.D., J. Coltart J.D., W. Groves I.G., H. Garrod Sec., Bunting Treas., Nanton Org., P. Parsons Steward. Bro. Batey, the retiring W.M., was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, and, after the closing of the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, upwards of ninety sitting down. The dinner over, the W.M. gave the loyal toasts with excellent point, as he did also the toast of the Grand Officers. That of the Initiates was drunk with great cordiality, the newly made brethren replying in appropriate terms. The I.P.M. then gave the W.M., saying he was sure Brother Hobbs would fully justify the choice of the brethren, as he had diligently worked to the chair, having fulfilled every office. The toast was duly acknowledged by the W.M. Other toasts followed, the company separating at a late hour, having listened to some excellent recitations by Bros. Barnard, Cusworth, and Pelham, and some capital singing by members and visitors.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, 9th November, P.M. Dalwood W.M., W. J. Smith acting as S.W., P.M. Senecal as J.W., Weige S.D., Worsley J.D., Dickens I.G., P.M. Littell Secretary, Bro. Wallington I.P.M. and Treasurer; also P.M.'s Underwood and Bates, and a good muster of brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. J. A. Williams was initiated into the Order. Bro. Tompkins was passed to the degree of a F.C., and Bro. Woodhead raised to the Sublime Degree. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and one member for joining, at the next monthly night. The Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned for refreshments, when the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were interspersed by some capital singing. The Tyler's toast followed in due course, and the brethren separated, after having spent a pleasant evening.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The weekly meeting of the above Lodge took place at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, on Tuesday, 14th November. Bros. Cambridge W.M., W. J. Smith S.W., Barker J.W., Weige S.D., Hewlett J.D., Dallas I.G., Worsley Secretary, and Wallington P.M. Preceptor. There were also present Bros. Johnson, Perrin, Crosby, Hogarth, Davies, Saunders, Baxter, Cook, King, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hogarth acting as candidate. Bro. Hewlett worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed down to the First. Bro. W. J. Smith worked the Third and Fourth Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Smith was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, the Preceptor paying him a high compliment, stating that, knowing his working, there was a treat in store for the brethren for next Tuesday night. We heartily wish him a good attendance. Bro. Hewlett gave notice that the Fifteen Sections would be worked by Bro. Webb, on the 24th inst., at the Earl Grey, Mile-end-gate, to commence at seven. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 917.—The Installation meeting took place on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, and was numerously attended. Bro. F. W. Jones W.M. occupied the chair. A. F. Rowley S.W., G. M. Taylor J.W., H. J. Deportu P.M. Treasurer, L. Stean P.M. Sec.; and Past Masters Bros. T. Robinson, J. F. Basilio, G. Gibson, L. Keays, Col. Stillwell P.G. Sup. Works Herts, and Moore. After the Lodge had been

opened, the W.M. raised Bros. S. J. Corke, W. Pitt, and G. Ridding; and passed Bros. J. Abbott, W. F. Barker, B. Fuld, and C. Jewell; Bro. J. Clark was elected a joining member. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Rowley S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, by Bro. Jones I.P.M. Bro. L. Stean took the chair, and duly performed the Installation ceremony. The addresses were excellently delivered, and Bro. Stean was warmly complimented. The W.M. then invested his Officers—F. W. Jones I.P.M., G. M. Taylor S.W., Lomarquo J.W., F. W. Jones I.P.M. Treasurer, Bros. L. Stean P.M. Sec., Abbott S.D., Ellis J.D., Van Raalte I.G., Galloch Tyler. The selection seemed to give satisfaction. The newly installed W.M. initiated Messrs. Walter Rowley, T. Bailey, E. Winshurst and F. Bailey, in a manner that reflected great credit for so young a Mason. The W.M. then rose and said it afforded him pleasure to present, in the name of the Lodge, a testimonial of respect to the retiring W.M., Bro. Jones, who had so ably conducted the duties of the chair during his year of office. He hoped that he might follow in Bro. Jones's footsteps. Bro. Jones in reply said, He felt proud to receive the jewel, the more so from the knowledge that, during his year of office, the Lodge was never in a more flourishing condition. The W.M. then said he had another pleasing duty to perform, and that was to present to the Ex-Treasurer, Bro. Deportu P.M., who had been in office since the formation of the Lodge, and who had conducted his duties in every way to their satisfaction, with something that, he was sure, would be a slight recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the Lodge. Bro. Deportu said the presentation would never be forgotten by him; it would remind him of many happy hours passed. Although he had resigned the Treasurership of the Lodge, it had fallen into the hands of a worthy successor. His services, however, were always at their command, and he heartily and cordially thanked them for their valuable gift. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of the usual banquet and desert. On the removal of the cloth, grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Jones I.P.M. then asked the brethren to do justice to the next toast, and that was, The Health of the W.M., who had so recently been installed into the chair. He had ably and perfectly initiated four gentlemen. He had watched Bro. Jones's progress in Freemasonry; they had worked hand in hand together; and he was sure the brethren would give a hearty response to the toast. The W.M. said, From the time of his initiation, he was always pleased to be among his brother Masons, and he had attained the summit of his ambition. He then proposed the toast of the Past Masters. The Lodge was very proud of them. Bro. Jones replied. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Initiates, and Bro. W. Rowley, on behalf of these, made an excellent speech. He was followed by Bros. Bailey and Winshurst. The toast of the Visitors was then given, and Bros. McCarthy, H. Massey, Thomas, H. M. Levy and S. Rowley responded. The W.M. then proposed the toasts of the Wardens, also the Officers. Bro. Ellis said he was pleased to see how harmoniously the meeting had been conducted. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. L. Stean, and spoke of him in connexion with the Masonic Charities. He hoped he might be spared among them for many years, to give the benefit of his valuable instruction. Bro. L. Stean said he was pleased to hear his name connected with the Masonic Charities. He had been a Mason for 45 years, and his great aim had always been the uniformity of working. He had visited many Lodges of Instruction, and there were some slight, but, he thought, great differences in the working. He had seen that of the Lodge of Emulation, and he was sure the one that the Grand Secretary belonged to was that wherein brethren could attain Masonic knowledge. As Masonry was universal, so ought its working to be. (Cheers.) He felt great interest in their Lodge, as one of its founders, and would do all he could for its benefit. He regretted the resignation of Bro. Deportu, late Treasurer, who was also one of the founders. The Lodge was, two years since, made a Vice Patron of one of the Charities, and he hoped before long to see them Vice Presidents of the other two. Bro. Jones I.P.M. then announced his intention to become a Steward on a future occasion, and the Tyler's toast concluded a very agreeable and harmonious evening.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 8th of November, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Edward Margrett W.M., Arthur Welch S.W., Wm. George Flanagan J.W., Wm. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., J. T. Stransom Treas., J. Early Danks S.D., Wm. Ferguson J.D., Rev. C. R. Honey Chaplain, T. Newman Steward, Edwd. J. Blackwell I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. J. T. Brown, J. Egginton. Members—Bros. Hilder, Pulley, Creed, Hukins, White, Sell, Robinson, Bailey. Visitor—Bro. S. A. Pocock S.W. 414. Business—The Lodge was opened, the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. Previous to the W.M. signing the minutes, he begged to return his sincere thanks to the Stewards and Brethren for the excellent arrangements that were made at his installation, which was a great success. The ballot was taken for Bros. W. Rhind, 97 Scotland, and L. W. Monle 1101, as joining members, who were both declared to be elected. Bro. Hilder having proved his efficiency in the first degree, retired to be prepared. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Hilder was passed. The Lodge was resumed, when the election of three members on the permanent committee took place. Bros. Bailey, Robinson, and Hawkes were unanimously chosen. The W.M. announced that the permanent committee had revised the bye-laws, and he thought it would be better that a proof, with a margin, be sent to each member of the Lodge before any discussion took place. This was unanimously agreed to. The Secretary read a letter from the Prov. Grand Sec. of Berks and Bucks, requesting to be informed to which of the Masonic Charities the vote of P.G. Lodge should be applied. After some discussion the Benevolent Institution was decided upon, the stewardship of which Charity was left an open question. After receiving nominations, the Lodge was closed, according to ancient form.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—On Friday, the 10th inst., at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate. Present—Bros. Hallows W.M., Groome S.W., Cleverley J.W., Townshend Secretary, Lane S.D., Franklin J.D., Oldroyd I.G.; P.M. Bro. Gross Preceptor; also Bros. Percy, Hirsch, A. W. Fenner, Andrews, Webb, Bolton, Lupinsky, Barnett, Lowles. Lodge opened in due form, minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in 2nd degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Percy candidate. Bro. Fenner worked 1st section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Groome worked 2nd section of the lecture, also assisted by the brethren. Lodge was then closed. Bros. Andrews 1227, and Lowles of 861, were elected joining members.

Brownrigg Lodge, No. 1424.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 8th of November, at the Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent. Present—Bros. H. Fowler S.W., J. J. Magee Secretary, C. Walker Treasurer, W. Ramsden S.D., A. Johnson J.D., H. Crisp D.C., G. Bliss I.G., J. Drago Tyler. Past Masters Bros. J. Jervis P.G.S.B. Kent, J. A. Bates, P. E. Murphy. Visitors Bros. T. Watson W.M. 1050, W. Gamon S.W. 20, W. Evans 251, T. Ruck 20, S. Young S.W. 184, W. H. Canham J.W. 181, E. B. Moody 398. Business—The Lodge was opened by Bro. Jervis P.G.S.B. Kent, and this being the night for election of officers for the ensuing year, the ballot was taken, and Brother H. Fowler was elected W.M., Bro. C. Walker Treasurer, and Bro. Drago Tyler. Bro. Jervis then announced that he would have the pleasure of installing Bro. Fowler, in the Assembly Rooms, on Wednesday, the 13th December, at 2.30 p.m. Bro. Fowler thanked the Brethren for the honour they had conferred in electing him. During the whole time he had been a member of the Lodge (which was since its formation) he had endeavoured to perform the duties of the various offices he had held, and he hoped to maintain the high position the Lodge had in the Province. Bro. Jervis P.M. having passed Bro. Milne, opened the Lodge in the Third degree, and vacated the chair to Bro. T. Watson, W.M. 1050, who raised Bros. Phillips and Lockett to the sublime degree. The Chair was then resumed by Bro. Jervis, and after a Banquet Committee had been appointed, the Lodge was duly closed.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Saturday, the 11th inst., at Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. Present—Bros. J. Seex W.M., Stanway S.W., Freeman J.W., Moody Sec., Headon P.M. Treasurer, Blackie S.D., Catchpole J.D., Taylor D.C., Hamer I.G. Past Masters—Bros. J. H. Townsend, Stevens; and Bros. Colmer, Davis, T. W. Headon, De Leliva, Hartley, Evannett, Hooper, &c. Business—Bros. Stephens and Styles were raised; Bros. Latticke, Shaw, Oppenheimer and Cartwright passed, and Mr. Cumner initiated. Two propositions were handed in, after which the Lodge was closed.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, Hampton.—We have again the pleasure of chronicling another re-union of the brethren of this Lodge, which took place on Thursday evening last, the 16th inst., in the Lodge room at the Lion Hotel. Bro. Hurst, who was installed a few weeks ago, made his *début* in the chair of K.S., supported by the following officers:—Bros. E. Hopwood P.M. 141 and 1512, I.P.M. and Treasurer, W. Hammond P.M. 201, 1326, 1512, P.P.G.D. Middlesex Secretary, John Hammond P.M. S.W., Samuel Hill P.M. J.W., C. W. Fox S.D., J. C. Jessett J.D., J. W. Hiscock acting I.G., T. C. Walls D.C., F. W. Kent W.S., and Gilbert Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then initiated Mr. Julius Schmitz into the mysteries of Freemasonry. We congratulate him on his success, evidently no pains had been spared to qualify for the proper discharge of the duties of his office. We wish we could say as much on behalf of all W.M.'s on their first appearance. Two brothers, whose names were on the summons for passing, not being in attendance, the Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and Bros. C. H. Hill M.D., T. Errington, C. Finch, and H. C. T. Murphy, having duly passed the necessary examination, saluted and retired in the accustomed form. Lodge being opened in the 3rd degree, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hopwood I.P.M., who, on the re-admission of the candidates aforementioned, raised them to the sublime degree of Master Masons. Bros. Wilson P.M., Etonian, 209, and Maynard, Prospect, 24, were among the visitors. Members present—Bros. P.M.'s Bernard, Sharp, Moody, Aston, Andrews, Day, Wheeler, Knowles, Doctor Hill, Murphy, Finch and Errington. A letter of apology was received by the W.M. from Bro. Ockenden I.G., who has hitherto never missed a meeting, but who was compelled to absent himself on this occasion through indisposition. The business of the evening being concluded, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren separated in perfect harmony, to discuss an ample repast, carefully and efficiently catered for by the host, Bro. Murphy. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The W.M., Bros. Walls, W. Hammond, Jessett and the initiate contributed to the harmony of the occasion, and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to an end. The Lodge will not assemble in December. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 18th January 1877.

Addiscombe Lodge, No. 1556.—This Lodge met on Saturday, the 11th of November, at the Alma, Addiscombe. Present—Bros. S. J. Turquand as W.M., A. Lambert as S.W., S. W. Lambert as J.W., H. E. Frances P.P.G.D. Sec., Carpenter I.G. Visitor—Bro. Thomson, province of Kent. The business commenced with the usual preliminaries, after which Mr. Hornby was initiated, and Bro. Jesse was passed. The work, in the absence of the W.M., from serious illness, was performed by Bro. Turquand I.P.M., in his usual able way. Bro. Masterman P.M. having resigned the office of Treasurer, Bro. Turquand was appointed till the next period of election. The beneficial results of a Lodge of Instruction were apparent in the cre-

ditable manner the officers, quite young members of the Lodge, performed their duties. The business of the Lodge would have been seriously retarded had the junior Brethren not been so well informed, and their proficiency is a credit to themselves, as well as to the preceptorship of Bro. Frances, P.G.D. Surrey, to whom they are indebted for their Masonic knowledge.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, at the Lodge-room, Micklegate, York, at which Bro. Thos. Cooper P.M. W.M. occupied the chair of K.S., and the rest of the officers were present. The agenda paper presented a most formidable appearance, containing as it did the names of four gentlemen to be balloted for as candidates for initiation, one as a joining member, two initiations, one passing, and two raisings. The ballot proved successful in each case, Messrs. A. Dove and J. W. Craven were initiated, and Bros. Blenkin and Morgan were raised. On the motion of the S.W., who remarked on the great importance, at the present day, of the maintenance of a high-class Masonic press, the Lodge resolved to subscribe annually to the *FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE*. There was a large muster of the brethren, and several visitors attended from the York Lodge, 236, and from Batley, Leeds, and other places. Preliminary steps were taken with a view to hold a banquet before the close of the year.

Unity Lodge, No. 1637.—The first meeting since the consecration was held on Saturday last, at the De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton. Bro. E. C. Woodward P.M. 382 W.M., T. H. Varley S.W., C. J. W. Davis W.M. 382 J.D., as W.M., W. Coombes P.P.G.S.B. Midd. Secretary, W. Stephens P.M. 1365 S.D., T. W. Cooper 538 I.G., W. Smith C.E., P.G.S.D., C. Grist Assistant D.C., S. A. Cooper 382 Steward, and G. Stacey P.M. 382 Organist. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former meeting read and confirmed. Bros. T. A. Adams P.G.P., and James Terry Prov. G.D.C. Herts (Consecrating and Installing Officer), Secretary R.M.B. Institution, were elected honorary members, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by them to the Lodge. The following brethren were balloted for, and elected joining members:—Bros. W. Stephens P.M. 1365, C. J. W. Davis W.M. Royal Union Lodge 382, T. W. Cooper 538, S. A. Cooper 382, W. Grist 1489, and G. Hine 190. Bro. T. A. Adams was invested with the collar of I.P.M. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of refreshments.

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Great Western	2,058	123,660	118,754	
Lancashire and Yorkshire	441½	73,355	70,123	
London and Brighton	379½	32,085	31,928	
London, Chatham and Dover	153½	17,433	16,985	
London and North Western	1,613½	172,621	168,400	
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London, Tilbury and Southend	45	1,321	1,120	
Manchester and Sheffield	259½	31,747	33,728	
Midland	1,062	120,188	116,634	
Metropolitan	8	9,507	9,196	
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„ „ St. John's Wood	1½	448	439	
North British	870	45,883	43,450	
North Eastern	1,423½	119,441	122,093	
North London	12	7,447	7,185	
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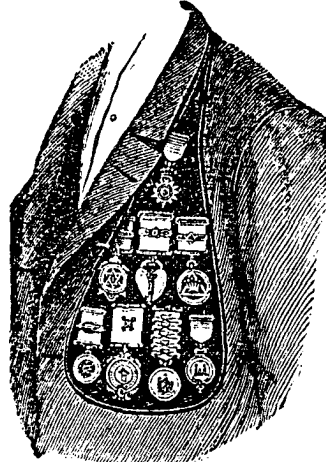
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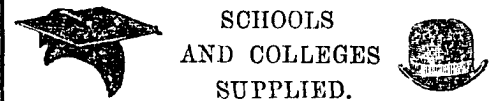
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