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OUR FIFTH VOLUME.

WE open the FIFTH VOLUME OF THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE in a period pregnant with great events, and characterised by unusual doubt, apprehension, and uncertainty. The political horizon is overcast with clouds, and the most weather-wise observers are baffled in their attempts to pierce the surrounding gloom, and discover some indication of our probable whereabouts and destination. At one time the talk is all of imminent war, of legions marshalling in arms to oppose legions as vast, of the deadly and undying hatred of hostile races and rival creeds, of the failure of diplomacy, and the final departure of its agents and ministers. A moment after we are told, that peace is almost certain, that the negotiations are progressing as favourably as one could wish, that powers suspected of cherishing warlike designs are exhibiting unexpected magnanimity and moderation, and that a few days more will bring relief to the present pent-up condition of public feeling by the completion of a real and satisfactory settlement of the questions in dispute. In the meanwhile, by the proclamation of our Sovereign as Empress of India, on the first day of the new year, England declares to all the world that she will suffer no aggression in this or any other of the lands under her dominion; and that while she covets not the possessions of her neighbours, and desires to live on terms of amity and brotherhood with them all, she is prepared and resolved to maintain her position, whenever and by whomsoever it may be menaced.

Amid such grave and portentous subjects of interest, while Nations seem tottering to their fall, and the lives of perhaps a million human beings hang upon the word of a single despot, "the whisperings of our petty burgh," the scraps of intelligence indicating the vitality and constant growth of our Order appear, by comparison, insignificant. Yet are they not so. By and bye these vexed questions between Russian and Turk will be laid at rest and forgotten; whilst Freemasonry will only have become the stronger, and its roots and branches more widely spread, for the lapse of time. The principles of the Craft, like the first principles of religion, are planted too deeply in the human heart to be ever uprooted. And whilst the spread of education will only add to the number of our brethren throughout the world, we may hope that it will ultimately render impossible the gusts of passion and deadly hatred which now, from time to time, sweep over the earth, scattering ruin and desolation in their path.

The Four Volumes of the CHRONICLE which have now been issued contain a record, as full and accurate as we could make it, of a most important epoch in the History of the Craft. During that period, the number of Masonic Lodges in England has been largely augmented; on the Continent a like vitality has everywhere been apparent, more particularly in France, Germany, and Italy; whilst in the Western World, Freemasonry has advanced with giant strides. For ourselves, we have ample reason for self-congratulation. The constant and increasing favour shown to the CHRONICLE are an evidence that our efforts to uphold the standard of the Fraternity, and to afford a trustworthy record of its proceedings, have not been without success. We ask our readers for a continuance of their sympathy; and to the Craft in general we look with confidence for increased support and consideration. If we are not prodigal of promises for the future, it is because we feel that the best guarantee of our devotion to Freemasonry is to be found in the Four Volumes of the CHRONICLE

already issued. With resolve unimpaired and hope unchecked, we enter undismayed upon the labours and responsibilities of a FIFTH VOLUME.

NORTHERN LIGHTS.—No. I.

A GRAND LIGHT.

CONSIDERING the energy that the men of the "North Countree" impart to everything they undertake, it is no wonder that Freemasonry should flourish amain in the North East Corner of our tight little Island. Its geographical position is singularly appropriate for the foundation of our institutions, and the brethren seem to be devoted heart and soul to the ancient customs and established usages of our mystic order. Certainly nowhere under the broad rule of the united Grand Lodge of England is Masonry making more progress. The sons of "Northumbria's bleak shores" are second to none, not only in the solid support they give our Great Charities, but in the practical manner in which all provincial concerns are managed. Little is known of the great amount of good work done, for these canny men of the North are not given to trumpet forth their deeds, and, wonderfully enough (in these days), rather eschew publicity, and evince a singular desire not to appear in print. It is a positive fact that very many of the brethren shrink from having any Masonic proceedings reported. Like the Eastern sage, their motto is, "Say little, and do much." Here also, strange to relate, testimonials and presentations are all but unknown, brethren, after filling the highest offices in Lodge or Chapter, work their hardest in the cause of charity, do their utmost for the welfare of those over whom they preside, and further the interests of the Craft generally, by establishing new Lodges and Chapters; never looking for a higher reward than the pleasure of doing their duty, and receiving the approbation of their fellows. No doubt in all this they are behind the South, yet still it is not to be regretted, for the funds, in consequence, are generally in a flourishing state, and ready for any emergency, and when needed they are dispensed with a lavishness well worthy of emulation. Who shall say how much of this prosperity, this good management and general wellbeing is due to the kindly influence of the genial nobleman who is at the head of the Province, and than whom a brighter Masonic light scarcely shines? An exalted position, a historical name, for centuries entwined in the affections and linked with the fortunes of the county, a liberal hand, and a manner so winning that all are charmed by it, have doubtless done much to cement and knit the brethren of the Province together.

Had our Right Worshipful Brother been born to less exalted fortunes, his love of the Craft, together with his great Masonic ability, must have placed him in the foremost ranks of our Order. The manner in which he performed his duties when W.M. of the Alnwick Lodge, No. 1167, was as surprising as it was gratifying; to see one so highly born evince such knowledge of real working Masonry, and the instruction he then imparted to those who were fortunate enough to be members, will never be forgotten, for it has been instrumental in creating a body of officers who can hold their own against all comers. Many remember, with pleasure, the lucid explanations he was wont to give the initiates and candidates for the several degrees, on many points of our Ritual and History that

are too often left untouched, and how much light he threw on what otherwise would have been but dim obscurity. Happily for the Craft in general, our R.W. brother is still young, and will, no doubt, in years to come, add to his already great Masonic services. That these have been appreciated is proved, not only by his present position as Prov. G.M., but also by his having filled the exalted office of Grand Mark Master Mason of England.

In the outer world he is as popular as within the inner circle of Freemasonry. Heir to princely estates, he is beloved by his tenantry, from the highest to the lowest; and the interest he takes in the welfare of the vast army of the labouring classes dwelling about him, and the efforts he is continually making to improve their intellectual and sanitary condition, by identifying himself with every movement of real progress, indicates him as one who will infallibly make his mark in the history of this great Empire. In the House of Commons, no member creates a more favourable or lasting impression, or commands greater attention and respect to any subject he speaks on. Proud indeed, and with just cause, are the brethren of Northumberland of their Provincial Grand Master.

BRO. CAUBET ON A RECENT SPEECH BY OUR GRAND SECRETARY.

IT will be within the recollection of our readers that, last month, at the Consecration of the Crichton Lodge, our respected Grand Secretary, Bro. Hervey, in his speech as Consecrating Officer, referred pointedly to the recent action of the Grand Orient of France, and the contemplated elision from Article I. of its Constitutions of so much as contained a declaration of belief in the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. Bro. Hervey further expressed his opinion, not officially, but as an individual member of Grand Lodge, that the time might not be far distant when the Grand Lodge of England would find it necessary to impose certain restrictions as to the admission of foreign Masons into the Lodges under its jurisdiction, so far at least, as to exclude all such as did not believe in the existence of a Supreme Being. In reference to this Consecration and the speech of Bro. Hervey, *Le Bien Public*, of the 17th ult., appears to have drawn attention to the remarks of the speaker as illustrating the sense of disquiet entertained in England, at what it decries "as in some measure the anti-religious movement" among our French brethren, and the probability that it may sap the very foundation of the fundamental principles of Universal Freemasonry. In the current number of *Le Monde Maçonique* occurs an article by Bro. Caubet, one of the secretaries of the Council of the Grand Orient, in which he comments on this statement, and the event which gave rise to it. This article being an apology for the present conduct of French Freemasonry, or perhaps we should say, an explanation of the particular amendment proposed during the last Session of the Grand Orient, we feel it to be our duty to reproduce it *in extenso*.

"We cannot," says Bro. Caubet, "at the moment when the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient are on the eve of taking into their consideration the proposed revision of Article I. of our Constitutions permit the foregoing statement," in *Le Bien Public*, "to pass without rectification. The suppression, or rather the contemplated suppression of the second paragraph of Article I. can in no wise be described as the outcome of any anti-religious movement. Freemasonry—we have repeated it a thousand times, and shall only cease repeating it when everybody sees it clearly, and it has become stale news—Freemasonry is a society purely moral in its character, in which may be admitted all *free and reputable* men, whatever their opinions, political, religious or philosophical, may be. It is not a narrow-minded sect, but, on the contrary, the highest and noblest expression of perfect liberty of conscience. Now, the second paragraph of Article I. of the Constitutions, which declares that Freemasonry has for its fundamental principle the existence of God and the belief in the immortality of the soul, has again and again served as a pretext for manifestations of opinion essentially sectarian. In some Lodges free and reputable men have been rejected on the sole ground that they did not resolutely affirm these articles of faith. The reception into the bosom of our Society of a man who is one of the noblest of our

country and of the present age, the reception of the illustrious Bro. Littré has aroused numberless protestations, because, in the extreme rectitude of his conscience, Bro. Littré would only affirm and proclaim what he knew was true and demonstrable, and because he maintains a respectful reserve on all hypothetical questions about beginning and end.

"Such protestations were not only a scandal, but likewise exhibited an utter contempt for the true spirit of our Institution. It is to put an end to these that the proposed modification of Article I. was taken into consideration at the last General Assembly of the Grand Orient of France. The question is not one involving any anti-religious Manifestation, for Freemasonry would not lend itself to such a proceeding; it is simply one of assuring and guaranteeing, within the limits of our Association, absolute respect for liberty of conscience. It is also a question having for aim to assure the peace of our Society by removing every pretext for theological or metaphysical discussions, which only divide us, as is super-abundantly proved by the discussions that arose in the Scotch Rite, after the Lausanne Congress, by reason of the definition laid down by that assembly of the attributes of the Great Architect of the Universe, and now again by the speech delivered at the consecration of the English Lodge Crichton by Bro. Hervey, which our readers will have noted in a previous page. Intolerant people, who consider every manifestation of liberty of conscience is but an outrage on their faith, will assuredly exclaim loudly against our purpose; but what matter? Formerly, they abused our mystic formulæ, now they reproach us because we wish to suppress them from our ritual. But, again, what matters it? We have nothing in common with them, and their bitterest criticisms in no wise affect us. It were impossible to be, at one and the same time, of the opinions expressed by our brethren and by liberal-minded organs.

That our English brethren should be mistaken as to our intentions afflicts us most profoundly; but that is in a measure explained, the moral atmosphere in which they live being essentially different from ours, and their conception of liberty of conscience being generally limited by such interpretations as the Bible affords.

"As for those journals which are truly liberal in their views, we should deeply regret to see them fall into any misunderstanding on this point, and unconsciously allow themselves to become nothing more than mere echoes of those numerous and angry recriminations in which our eternal enemies indulge. Under these circumstances we cannot too strongly advise them to distrust appearances, and not to launch into polemics till they have obtained a thorough knowledge of the subject in dispute."

THE DRAMA.

Christmas Programmes—Covent Garden.

AN unusual number of novelties have been crowded round the Christmas season this year. To be sure, some of them are not of the highest order of merit, and others are only quasi-novelties—revivals of pieces that had almost been forgotten. *Si Slocum* at the OLYMPIC may be taken as a specimen of the first class, and *Hunted Down* and *The Invisible Prince* at the GLOBE as samples of the second. *Si Slocum* strikes one as being more suited for a circus than a theatre. The Frayne family are very clever, and their speech is of the purest American order, but, as the late Mr. Tomlins remarked on a memorable occasion, "This is not the drama." Mr. Edgar Bruce deserves our thanks for the revival of Planché's burlesque, especially as it affords that excellent actress Miss Jennie Lee a further opportunity for the display of her talents. The theatres which have retained their programmes unchanged are the HAY-MARKET (*Dan'l Druce*), the PRINCE OF WALES'S (*Peril*), the ST. JAMES'S (*London Assurance*), and the ADELPHI (*Shaughraun*).

COVENT GARDEN, of course, heads the list of Pantomimes. In magnificence of effects, in heartiness of fun, and in excellence of acting, Mr. Rice's production merits the first place. The subject of the pantomime, which by the way, is the work of Mr. McArdle, is our old friend *Robinson Crusoe*. Considerable liberties have been taken with the story as related by Defoe, but the result is a thoroughly amusing piece, with plenty of ludicrous situations and laughter-promoting lines. Amongst other absurd incidents, we may mention one that occurs on board Crusoe's ship. The sailors take to fishing, and succeed in landing an enormous shark. From the maw of this voracious beast, a number of extraordinary things are produced, amongst them the missing Gainsborough and Crusoe's wife. The pantomime is capitally acted by Messrs. Wallace, Furneaux, Cook, Augustus Glover, and Mesdames Pauline Markham, Nelly Bouverie and Rosalli; the scenery of Mr. Telbin is beyond all praise.

We will conclude our remarks on the Christmas novelties next week.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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ORDER OF PROCEEDING AT LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I can hardly understand a Lodge of Instruction finding itself in the difficulty described by Bro. Ockenden. Surely one among the brethren present might have been found equal to the emergency. Why was it not proposed to suspend the standing orders for the occasion, and then open in a higher degree? There would then have been no fear of censure. Or, perhaps, the W.M., or another brother, might have volunteered a short exposition of the ceremony. It would have been in keeping with the work assigned by the bye-laws for the particular evening, and, better still, would have been somewhat of a change from the monotony that attends travelling over the same ground again and again without any variation whatever. We need this relief occasionally.

Yours fraternally,

VIATOR.

WHICH IS CORRECT?

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My numerous engagements of late have precluded my giving the attention I desire to this correspondence, but I shall be glad if you will, by insertion of this letter, assure "Vigilant," and other brethren interested, that I have not "lost sight of, nor exhausted the subject."

I will write further as soon as opportunity is afforded me; meanwhile, if other pens were employed in promoting the discussion, so that the opinions of several might be ascertained, with a view to arrive at a just decision in respect of the variations already referred to, it would materially assist the discussion.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z.

Clapham, 23th December 1876.

MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I shall feel greatly obliged to any Brother who will answer the following questions:—

1. Why is no provision made in the Constitutions for filling the vacant chair when any officer, from S.W. downwards, dies, or otherwise withdraws during his year of office?
2. What is the usual practice in the oldest Lodges under such circumstances?
3. "The Tyler may be removed at any time by a majority," &c. Can a successor be appointed in the same way?
4. The W.M. is entitled to three TAUS on his apron. Is it ignorance or design that constantly attaches them *upside down*, so as to look like three levels?
5. What is the origin and date of the Ritual employed in opening a Board of Installed Masters?

23rd December 1876.

W.M.C.L.

It has been justly said that the Granville Hotel at St. Lawrence-on-Sea is the establishment *par excellence* of all the hotels in the country, in fact, we might say, in the whole world. It is a residence combining all the luxurious domesticity of wealthy English life, with the manifold conveniences of an hotel. Originally planned for a terrace of magnificent private mansions, the Granville has been made into an hotel, and families may enjoy within its walls the delights of home comfort, and partake of the intellectual and fashionable amusements of the age, without leaving the grounds which surround the vast building. In winter, the climate of Ramsgate is especially pure, bracing and delightful, the more so from comparison with the dinginess and smokiness of the Metropolis, and we cannot imagine a greater treat for the jaded City or professional man than a run down to this bright and really picturesque little sea-port, with a stay at the Granville Hotel for some days. For such delightful excursions, the South-Eastern Railway and the management of the hotel have combined to offer unusual facilities, by arrangements for a special private express to run, every Friday afternoon, to Ramsgate, in two hours, returning every Monday. So short a railway journey is not an onerous undertaking, even for an invalid, and, considering the wonderful sanitary arrangements of the establishment, its facilities for baths of every description, its faultless cuisine and magnificently furnished suites of apartments—each a luxurious home in itself—it is certain that many persons would benefit far more by a winter's residence in the Granville than by going to a foreign country, worn out and exhausted by a fatiguing journey, which only lands them in a warmer clime, where more than half the comforts of English home life are unknown.

ROYAL VETERANS PRECEPTORY, PLYMOUTH.

A regular meeting of this Preceptory was holden on Tuesday, 19th inst., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. Present—E. Sir Knights Charles Godtschalk P.P.G.D.C. Preceptor, J. Watts P.E.C. P.P.G.T., V. Bird P.E.C. P.P.G.B.B. Reg., J. Austin P.E.C. P.P.G.E. Treasurer, T. Heath, J. B. Gover P.P.G.T. Con., L. D. Westcott P.P.P.G.C.L. Prolate, S. Jew P.G.T., Marshal, J. H. Keats C. of G., Jas. J. Cavery Sub Mar., J. P. Rogers, H. A. Arnold P.G.O. Organist, H. F. Hearle P.P.G.E., F. P. Holmes, T. Smith. The Preceptory having been opened in ancient form, and the call of muster roll over, the minutes of last meeting, on the 19th September, were read and confirmed. Apologies from the following Fraters were read and accepted, Sir Knights J. Harris P.E.P., Hildy P.E.P., and Browning. Comp. John James, already accepted, was then announced, and received his initiate. The ceremony of installation and investment was most impressively performed by the E. Preceptor Sir Knight Godtschalk, whose zeal for and knowledge of the Order was never better displayed than in his admirable working in this exalted degree. The further business of the Preceptory was to elect the E.P. and Treas. for the year ensuing. Sir Knight Charles Godtschalk E.P. on rising, remarked, He should avail himself of the privilege of nominating a firm and staunch friend, in private life; an able and thoroughly hard working Mason, whether in Lodge, Chapter or Preceptory, one who did his work with love for the true interests of Masonry; one who not only worked with talent and skill in the various degrees, but who was closely identified with the Masonic Charities of our Province, in the real interests of which he was ever ready to work. He therefore proposed their esteemed Brother Sir Knight J. B. Gover as Eminent Preceptor for the ensuing year. This proposition being seconded by Sir Knight L. D. Westcott, was put to the ballot, which was unanimous. The Treasurer, Sir Knight Austin P.E.P., being proposed and seconded to retain that office, received the united votes of all present, added to which came the thanks of the Preceptory, freely expressed, for the able manner he had, for so long, carried out the duties of his office, to the well-being of the Veterans Preceptory. Sir Knight J. B. Gover, Constable of the Preceptory, expressed his deep sense of the honour conferred by the Sir Knights, by their unanimous election of himself to fill the chair of Eminent Preceptor, giving his heartfelt thanks, and stating it would be his special privilege to maintain the reputation and position the "Veterans" had earned for their Preceptory. The Treasurer, Sir Knight Austin P.E.P., in giving a few words of thanks for the honour of election and the kindly sentiments of all present towards himself, stated that what he had done in the past would, to the best of his ability, be repeated in the future. Upon the suggestion of Sir Knight J. Watts P.E.C., supported by Sir Knight Charles Godtschalk, who severally detailed what had taken place at the last meeting of Convent General, on 8th December last, in London, at which meeting certain resolutions were carried in reference to the words "Masonic," "First and Second Captains," "Post Rank," &c., and urging energetically upon all Sir Knights who had the right of voting in Convent General, the necessity and advisability, even at personal inconvenience to themselves, to be present and record their votes in favour of those resolutions being confirmed. The Preceptory having been closed, the Fraters retired, after a most successful and pleasant meeting.

ABDUCTION OF WILLIAM MORGAN.—In the year 1826, a painful circumstance occurred, which for awhile created a panic. Masonic societies had for some time existed in the United States to a very considerable extent; but it was not generally supposed that there was anything objectionable in their character. A man, however, named William Morgan, living at Batavia, in Genesee County, New York, conceived a dislike to these associations, and, knowing something about their organisation, announced his intention of publishing a book which should disclose what he called the secrets of Freemasonry. On Monday, 11th September, this man was taken from his home, under pretence of a criminal process, conveyed into Ontario County, a distance of fifty miles from his domicile, examined, and discharged. In the evening he was again arrested on a charge as frivolous as the first, thrown into goal by the persons who had taken the original proceedings, once more discharged, and immediately afterwards once more seized—this time in the obscurity of night. The last arrest had a much more alarming character than the two former. The man was gagged, bound, and forced into a carriage, which was rapidly driven off. In this way he was conveyed a hundred miles without interruption, and, as relays of horses were prepared along the whole line of road, it was evident that his abduction was the result of an organized scheme. It came out in subsequent inquiries that Morgan was carried towards the Canadian frontier, where he was lodged within the walls of an unoccupied fort. What ultimately became of him has never been clearly known. He mysteriously disappeared, and although it could never be proved that he was murdered, it is not easy to avoid the conviction that he met his death by treachery and violence. It is supposed that he was taken in a boat by night to the Niagara, and there drowned. A body, thought to be that of Morgan, was subsequently found below Fort Niagara; but it was impossible to identify it, and, notwithstanding that the Legislature of New York passed an Act ordering a strict investigation of the subject, and some Freemasons were charged with murder, a conviction could not be obtained. The report of the New York Committee of Investigation confirmed the general suspicion that the unfortunate man had been assassinated, and the agitation of the public mind was so great that it was proposed to exclude Freemasons from office. An anti-Masonic party was formed, which, having in a few years spread over several States, held a convention at Philadelphia in 1831. This party endeavoured to influence the elections, but, after a brief period of activity, collapsed and disappeared.—From "Cassell's History of the United States."

REVIEWS.

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

This further part of this valuable history contains several records of considerable importance or interest. At the outset we read that at the meeting of Grand Lodge held on the 4th of June 1800, the Grand Secretary announced that Union Lodge, Albany, acknowledged the jurisdiction of New York Grand Lodge, that a warrant had been delivered to the W.M. of said Lodge, on promise that the warrants should be delivered to the Grand Secretary, and that the rank and number of the Lodge would be regulated in accordance with the date of the first warrant issued by Provincial Grand Lodge of New York, on 21st February 1765. On 16th the same month the report of the Special Committee appointed to consider the present Constitution, and report any amendments or alterations that might be deemed expedient presented their report, which was read, when it was unanimously resolved that the Code of Laws, as amended and altered, should be referred to the consideration of the subordinate Lodges, and, if two-thirds of them signified their approval, then the new code should immediately come into operation as the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. At the same meeting it was unanimously resolved that the Grand Chaplain should be decorated with a jewel appropriate to his office. At the meeting held on the 3rd December of the same year, the question of ratifying the new Constitution came under consideration, and on noting the returns made by sundry of the Lodges, it was found that only seventeen were in favour of the ratification, while twenty-five were for its rejection, either wholly or in part. After some debate, it was carried, that, as the requisite two-thirds majority of the Lodges had not voted for its acceptance, the proposed code should be held to have been rejected. On the 4th of March 1801, it is minuted that "A person alleging himself to be a Mason of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania applied for admittance, but, not being known to or vouched for by any member present, his admission was refused." At the meeting on 3rd of June, it was announced that Grand Master Robert R. Livingston, having accepted the post of Minister Plenipotentiary to the French Republic, would shortly depart on his Embassy. Grand Lodge, accordingly, proceeded to the election of a successor, and the result was that Colonel Jacob Morton, Deputy Grand Master, was unanimously elected, and at once proclaimed as Grand Master. A resolution was also unanimously passed, appointing a committee for the purpose of conveying to M.W.G.M. R. R. Livingston the thanks of Grand Lodge for the valuable services he had rendered to Freemasonry in New York during the term of his Grand Mastership, as well as an expression of deep regret that Grand Lodge was thus deprived of his superintending care, and further requesting his acceptance of a Past Grand Master's Jewel as a slight token of their esteem and respect. At a Grand Lodge of Emergency on the 15th June the G.M. Livingston expressly attended for the purpose of installing his successor; but the address he delivered occupied so much of the evening that the ceremony of installation was of necessity postponed, and Bro. Livingston deputed R.W. Bro. John Lawrence to perform the ceremony in his stead. Accordingly, Col. Jacob Morton was installed with the usual formalities on the 25th June, in the presence of a large assembly of grand officers and brethren. We read that G.M. elect and R.W. Bro. John Lawrence, the installing Grand Officer, "were received at the entrance of the building by the body of Knights Templar, dressed with the insignias (sic) of their order, and with drawn swords, who conducted them into the Lodge and to the seat." The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and after a brief address, the Grand Master installed his officers, according to ancient usage. After another address from the Chair, and the appointment of a committee to consider the best method of procuring a suitable apartment for the meetings of Grand Lodge, Grand Lodge was closed. At a meeting on the 11th July, held in consequence of the death of Bro. R. J. Vandebroek, Past Grand Secretary, it was resolved to bury the deceased brother with Masonic honours, and the funeral took place accordingly the day following, in the French Church burial ground, the Rev. Bro. Ireland, Grand Chaplain, delivering an appropriate address over the grave. At the meeting on the 2nd September, a committee appointed to investigate a complaint made some time previously respecting the incautious admission of visitors by Lodge l'Union Francaise, No. 14, reported that the Lodge was not aware of having done anything of the kind, and would ever continue to exercise the utmost caution in receiving applicants for admission. Several instances, however, were mentioned by different brethren, in which the Lodge had shown laxity in this respect, and a committee was thereupon appointed to acquaint Lodge No. 14 with the information conveyed to Grand Lodge, and to request greater vigilance in the future. On the 2nd December the Grand Master announced that he had appointed Bro. Edward Livingston, Mayor of New York, to be Deputy G.M., and his installation was fixed for St. John's Day next ensuing. The report of the committee appointed to present a P.G.M.'s jewel to Bro. R. R. Livingston, together with the reply of thanks from that distinguished brother, were then read, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Notice of motion was then given that no Mason be permitted to appear in Grand Lodge or any of its processions in other than the distinguishing clothing, or with other ornament than those of a Master Mason, as conferred on members of that degree

by the Constitutions of Grand Lodge. It was then resolved that the Lodges in the jurisdiction be recommended to associate and dine together as a Grand Lodge on the approaching festival of St. John. On the 4th of the month Bro. E. Livingston was installed as Deputy Grand Master, after which ceremony the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Little's Hotel, where an elegant entertainment had been provided.

On the 10th of February a most important communication was read in Grand Lodge, from Apollo Lodge, No. 49. This communication included a circular letter from the chairman of the joint committee of Union, Masters, and Temple Lodges, Albany, inviting other Lodges in the neighbourhood of that city to join in securing the removal of Grand Lodge to Albany, as being the seat of Government of the State of New York, and, therefore, more appropriate for the meeting of Grand Lodge. Several reasons were assigned for this action of the aforesaid Albany Lodges, among them being dissatisfaction with the system of proxies in force, and the engrossment by New York brethren of all the important offices in Grand Lodge. On receipt of this invitation, Apollo Lodge expressed its resolution, to the effect that the proposed transfer of Grand Lodge to Albany would effect no salutary change, and determined to report the matter forthwith to Grand Lodge. Upon this the Grand Lodge passed a resolution, thanking Apollo Lodge for its loyal conduct, and a further resolution warning the Lodges in the northern parts of the state against the impropriety of the joint committee of the three Lodges, the latter being also summoned to appear and answer for their conduct. On the 3rd March, the motion as to Masonic clothing, of which due notice had been given the December previous, was rejected, by a large majority. On the 14th May, a series of resolutions proposed by the committee appointed to deal with the question of suitable Grand Lodge premises, together with an alternative proposition, were submitted to Grand Lodge. The former proposed the issue of six hundred shares of twenty-five dollars each, which should be offered to brethren on sale, or exchange for notes payable to Grand Treasurer, or order, at six, nine, or twelve months. When a sufficient number had been sold, a site should be purchased, and a contract for the building at once entered into, the property so acquired being conveyed to trustees, who should be bound to appropriate it only to Masonic purposes; the rent received from Grand Lodge and other Lodges having accommodation to be distributed among the stockholders. These resolutions were agreed to, and a committee of seven appointed to see them carried into execution.

On St. John's Day 1801 (should be 1802), Grand Lodge went in procession from Adams's Hotel to Trinity, in accordance with a resolution agreed to the 2nd June. Ceremonies of the day were opened by the Grand Chaplain, with a prayer suited to the occasion, after which an eloquent and appropriate oration was delivered by Bro. Washington Morton, of Howard Lodge. A collection having been made on behalf of the Society for the Relief of Distressed Persons, and the Society for the Relief of Poor Widows with small children, to be divided in equal moieties between the said societies, "the Grand Officers proceeded from the Church, escorted by the Knights Templar, with drawn swords, to Lovett's Hotel, where the Grand Lodge and brethren spent the residue of the day in harmony and festivity." On the 1st September, warrants were granted, on petition, and recommendations presented for the following Lodges:—Military Lodge, Manlius, County of Onondaga; Phœbus Lodge, Norwich, County Chenango; Friendship Lodge, Stephenstown, County Rensselaer; Hiram Lodge, Plattsburg, County Clinton; and Erin Lodge, City of New York. A form of Masonic certificate was submitted by a brother, for the approval of the Grand Lodge, which resolved to recommend it to the Lodges under its jurisdiction. In the minutes of Grand Stewards Lodge of 24th November, it is noted that a sum of twenty-eight dollars, paid by the Grand Secretary for two boxes of cigars, furnished at the dinner of Grand Lodge on the last Festival of St. John the Evangelist, is to be allowed him on his account with Grand Lodge. On 15th of December, a reply, by Grand Secretary, to a communication received from a Convention of Lodges at Albany, was read, approved, and ordered to be transmitted, the said Lodges being required to appear and answer "concerning their un-Masonic conduct in holding the said convention without the knowledge or sanction of the Grand Lodge." On 2nd March 1803, "a communication from John Mitchell, of South Carolina, styling himself K.H.T.R.S., Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the thirty-third degree of Masonry, and Grand Commander in the United States of America, was presented and read;" the said letter being referred to a committee for report. On the 1st June, six petitions were granted for warrants to hold as many Lodges, namely:—Vernon Lodge, Hillsdale, County Columbia; Columbia Lodge, Claverack, same county; Mount Moria Lodge, Palmyra and Philips, County Ontario; Revival Lodge, Windham, County Green; Constellation Lodge, Mayfield, County Montgomery; and Charity Lodge, Worcester, County Otsego. Another petition was referred to the Grand Officers, and yet another was rejected. On the 8th of the month, the Grand Master with his Grand Officers and a large assemblage of P.M.'s, W.M.'s, Wardens, and brethren, assembled in St. John's Hall, when the ceremony of consecrating the Lodge-room was carried out, according to the ancient usages and customs of the order. On 7th of December, a dispute between Hiram and Adelphi Lodges, as to priority of right of meeting in St. John's Hall, was referred to a committee. On 26th January 1804, Bro. Martin Hoffman was appointed D.G.M. vice Bro. E. Livingston resigned—his installation to take place on a day fixed by the G.M. A petition for a warrant recommended by Union and Masters Lodges, Albany, was ordered to stand over till said Lodges had discharged their arrears of dues. Two Masonic certificates, found among the papers of a deceased English brother—one signed by the Master and Wardens of Lodge No. 25, held at Liverpool, England, and the other from Grand Lodge, Ancients, signed by "ROBERT LESLIE Grand Master, and EDWARD HARPER Grand Secretary," were presented by a brother to Grand Lodge, and ordered to be destroyed. On 7th March petitions for Warrants were

granted to hold the following Lodges:—Malta Lodge, Saratoga, Co. Saratoga; Bethlehem Lodge, Bethlehem, Co. Albany; and Albion Lodge, City of New York. Three other petitions for Warrants were referred to the Grand Officers. At a Grand Lodge of Emergency, on 27th April, some very irregular proceedings in Union Lodge, Albany, respecting the election of officers the December previous, were reported to G.L. by the aggrieved brethren who had been elected and installed officers of the Lodge on the 20th December, the said election being declared void at a meeting held the 26th of the month, and a new choice of officers made. Thereupon Grand Lodge unanimously ruled that the election of the 20th December previous was constitutional and regular, while that of the 26th was illegal, unconstitutional, and void. Accordingly, the officers regularly elected and installed should resume the execution of their duties. This is the last minute of any importance, the last record in this Part VI., under date 30th May 1804, relating to Grand Stewards Lodge, and minuting that as "no brethren attended excepting the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Treasurer," who did not by themselves constitute a quorum, "no business was transacted." However, the W.M. of St. Andrews Lodge attended before the above brethren had departed, and paid over to the G. Treasurer dues to the amount of twenty-one dollars.

Here endeth the sixth portion of this strange, eventful history.

NOTES OF AMERICAN TRAVEL.

DR. A. M. Robertson, of St. John's 3 bis, lately delivered a lecture to his Lodge, detailing some of the incidents he encountered, and describing the scenes he visited during a tour through the greater part of the United States. He has published those Notes, and they prove that with keen observation he combines a ready pen. The delivery of such lectures in a Lodge prove the advance that the Craft is making, as it is much better for the brethren, after the regular work is over, to listen to discourses that tend to enlarge the mind and improve the understanding, rather than to devote them—as our adversaries sometimes accuse us of doing—to the pleasures of the bottle, or "the singing of trashy songs." Not that such things often occur, but the outside world think they do, and the publication of a few descriptive passages from Dr. Robertson's pages, as delivered by him, may help to disabuse the mind of those who take up current Masonic literature for the purpose of trying to find fault with our ceremonies, while we are at labour, or our mode of passing the time when at refreshment.

THE MAMMOUTH CAVE, KENTUCKY.

After describing the nine miles ride, over a route which he says is only by courtesy called a road, he arrives at the Cave, and the guide lights the lamp, which the strong current of air make it difficult to carry. "The atmosphere inside is wonderfully pure and invigorating, so as to do away with the lingering effects of the rocky ride. Several years ago the value of the place, as a residence for consumptives, was tested, but the want of natural light proved fatal, and the experiment has never been repeated. The main cave extends for six miles, being in some parts 100 feet high and 300 wide; one of the avenues leading from it is called the Rotunda, it has had its vicissitudes. The ground here is saturated with nitre. Many years ago a saltpetre manufactory was established here, of which the ruins still strew the floor. Here, too, fifteen years ago, cottages were built for consumptive patients, and they still remain uninjured, either by the lapse of time or the ravages of decay. A little farther on, a smaller hall was pointed out as the Methodist Church; devotional services were really carried on for some time; and the pulpit was a ledge of rock 25 feet high, and the logs for seating the congregation still retain their old positions. The roof and walls are varied; in some places as flat and level as art could make them, in others beautifully vaulted and arched; some are pure white in colour, and others perfectly black; in some cases black and white appear side by side, forming fancied resemblances to beasts, birds and men; but the most beautiful effects are produced by the exuding from the roof, of liquid, impregnated with various salts and lime. These form crystals, sometimes as corrugated pillars, rocks and alabaster flowers, and are termed stalactites, sometimes they rise from the floor and proceed upwards, these are termed stalagmites."

"The Star Chamber has a ceiling composed of black gypsum, studded with innumerable white spots. The guide takes away all the lamps, and, descending behind a rock, leaves all in absolute darkness. He then, from his concealed position, throws the light on the vaulted roof. For a moment every one imagines that he is gazing up into the heavens, and that he sees innumerable stars shining on him through the darkness. The guide then passes something over the lamp, and a heavy cloud is seen slowly crossing the sky, thus completing the illusion, and making one imagine that a storm is approaching. He then proceeds further away, through a subterranean passage, to a lower cavern. In a minute he reappears, a great distance off, and slowly approaches, raising the light as he advances, and the visitor stands watching the dawn of a new day, and the rising of the sun."

"Proctor's Arcade, named in honour of the proprietor, is the most magnificent natural tunnel in the world. It is 100 feet wide, 45 feet high, and nearly a mile in length; the ceiling is perfectly smooth, the walls are vertical, and present the appearance of having been chiselled out of the solid rock. When lighted up with a Bengal light, it is magnificent beyond description. At Wright's Rotunda, another light shows forth that chamber in all its grand proportions. It has a ceiling of 400 feet span, without a single pillar to support it; from this point seven avenues branch off.

We must not follow the doctor through all the intricacies of this

stupendous piece of Nature's handiwork, but must content ourselves with quoting two more short passages:—

"No place, no castle, ancient or modern, can rival in beauty or in grandeur these halls and corridors of the Mammoth. There is a never ending variety; on one side we have lofty domes, on the other bottomless pits. Now we come upon the murmuring brooks and leaping cascades, and to 'roaring rivers.' The most magnificent dome is 250 feet, and is viewed from a terrace 40 feet from its base, at the left of it are five large Corinthian columns, cut out of the solid rock. The awful sublimity of the scene when strongly illuminated, exceeds any thing ever pictured by a mind frenzied by opium or hashesh. Many of the chambers have stories attached to them, one has even a romance:—In Gothic Chapel there was once married a young lady. She had a true lover, but inexorable parents, who bound her by a solemn oath never to marry him, on the face of the earth. The young lady fulfilled the letter of her vow, for she descended into the earth,—and here, in Gothic chapel, married the man of her choice. No description—even the most detailed and minute—can impart the feeblest conception of the immensity, the grandeur, the awful sublimity that is revealed at every step. One hundred and fifty avenues have been explored, estimated to extend to above 100 miles. Yet we are told there are hundreds of other avenues that have never been entered. The shortest route that visitors are taken, occupies five hours in travelling—the longer one twelve hours. The impression produced on the mind by such a marvellous work of Nature's rearing will never be effaced while life lasts. One comes away with a more humiliating feeling of his own feebleness and smallness, and with a more profound sense of the wondrous nature of the power by which he is surrounded. But another feeling mingles with this, and takes from it its sting: 'Man is not the servant but the interpreter of nature,' and is raised by virtue of his worth and intellect above the blind forces that work around him."

SEGONTIUM LODGE, No. 600, CARNARVON.

Much interest was excited on Thursday, 14th inst., by the attendance of the Freemasons in full costume at the funeral of the late Bro. Thomas Williams, foreman in the shop of Mr. Lewis Lewis, draper, Bridge-street, Carnarvon. He died suddenly, after a very brief illness, and being highly esteemed by the brethren of the Segontium Lodge, in which he was a junior Officer, a large number of the fraternity assembled to pay him the last mark of respect in their power. The Lodge having been duly opened in the Castle, the brethren marched two-and-two to Bridge-street, the van being led by two officers with drawn swords, while the rear was brought up by four Past Masters bearing the Holy Bible on a cushion, with the W.M. in close attendance behind. In this order they headed the long procession through the town to the cemetery at Llanlyfni, where the W.M., standing at the head of the grave as chief mourner, was permitted, by the kind courtesy of the authorities, to recite the special Masonic office customarily used at the interment of a deceased brother. The ceremony being concluded, the brethren returned in the same order, when the Lodge was closed in due form.

NOTHING TO DRINK.—It may be said of many persons that it is almost literally the case they have nothing to drink, or nothing that they can drink with a regard to either their constitutions, safety, tastes or pockets. Certain persons have their choice of beverages limited by order; this person dare not drink beer; that cannot take sherry or port; another touches claret or hock, champagne or Moselle at a perilous risk to health; cider or perry must be eschewed by many, and water in several localities is strictly tabooed; but there are many people who may have all these beverages, and a thousand others into the bargain, if only they can afford to buy them—and so on *ad infinitum*. We have said enough to show that, at all events, at the dinner table this cry of "Nothing to drink" is by no means uncommon, and experience teaches us that the classes uttering it with most reason are persons with delicate constitutions.

It is, however, a remarkable fact that, ever since the existence of "Merrie England," we have had, growing in luxuriant abundance at our very feet, what, if carefully selected and judiciously and properly used (instead of being misused, as is generally the case), would be a remedy for this state of things. In the midlands,—

"When the breath of English meadows
Is fragrant on the breeze,"

there abounds an almost inexhaustible supply of cowslips, and from these, it is now an established fact, can be produced a light, delicate, wholesome and slightly sparkling wine, especially adapted and highly recommended for the above-mentioned classes. Particularly in Leicestershire do cowslips abound and attain the necessary degree of perfection for the production of wine, and we are glad to bear testimony to the fact that Messrs. Mott and Co., of Leicester, after much study and scientific application, are enabled to offer to the public, at the moderate price of 16s a dozen, wine which far exceeds, in excellence and medicinal properties, the cowslip wine generally made.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—It is indisputable that the dark and dreary days of winter depress the mind and disorder the body, the most certain incentives of sickness, which will assail those who disregard, at such times, the all-predominant necessity of purifying, regulating and strengthening the various organs of the body, whose functions are deranged. Holloway's remedies present the most safe and effectual means of attaining these ends. They cleanse the blood from any taint, the body from every noxious matter, and exert such a general good effect on the system, that indigestion, biliousness, head-ache, faintness of sight, loss of appetite, debility and nervousness disappear under the influence. These pills may be relied upon by both sexes, under all climates and circumstances.

Old Warrants.

No. 49.

243 } "Ancients" { 306
260 } { 328 at the "Union of 1813," No. 216 from
318 } { 403
A.D. 1832, and No. 184 from A.D. 1863 to the present time.

AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, G.M.

TO ALL AND EVERY OUR RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, WORSHIPFUL AND
LOVING BRETHREN.

WE, PRINCE AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, OF BRUNSWICK, LUNENBURGH,
DUKE OF SUSSEX, EARL OF INVERNESS, BARON OF ARKLOW, KNIGHT
OF THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE GARTER, &c. &c. &c.



GRAND MASTER

OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND
ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND

SEND GREETING,

WHEREAS, Warrants of Constitution under the hands of the Grand Masters for the time being, and the seal of Masonry, bearing date respectively the thirteenth day of December One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty-seven, the sixth day of April One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety, and the twenty-eighth day of February One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-nine, authorizing and approving certain Brethren therein named, and their Successors, to form and hold Lodges of free and Accepted Masons, at Chatham, in the County of Kent, and which Warrants are respectively registered and numbered in the books of our Grand Lodge Nos. 306, 328 and 403. And whereas, the Brethren composing the said several Lodges, in the Year One thousand Eight hundred and Twenty-four, agreed and resolved to unite, and henceforth to form one Lodge only, and for that purpose did apply to us for our sanction and authority so to do, and at the same time surrendered up the said recited Warrants, to be cancelled. And we having approved the proceeding did accordingly grant a Warrant of Confirmation and Consolidation, under our Hand and the Seal of our Grand Lodge, bearing date Seventeenth day of April, One thousand Eight hundred and Twenty-four, authorizing the Brethren therein named, and their regular successors, to hold the Lodge under the title or denomination of the *Chatham United Lodge of Benevolence*, and which was then Registered in our Grand Lodge Records No. 306, and which, by the general alteration of numbers, in the year One thousand Eight hundred and thirty-two, became No. 216. And whereas the said Warrant of Consolidation hath, by accident, been much defaced and obliterated, the Brethren have by their Memorial petitioned Us to grant them a renewed Warrant, upon the surrender of the said Warrant of the Seventeenth of April One thousand Eight hundred and Twenty-four, Do hereby grant this our Warrant of Confirmation unto our Right trusty and well-beloved Brothers, Charles Thomas, Thomas Mould, Richard Wells, Smithers Aldis, John Say, Daniel Christopher, William George Setley, composing the said Lodge, authorising and empowering them and their successors to assemble and hold a Lodge of free and accepted Masons in the town of Chatham aforesaid, at such times as to the Brethren thereof shall appear necessary, and be regulated by their Bye-Laws, and then and there, when duly congregated, to make, pass, and raise Free Masons, according to Ancient custom of the Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And further, on the Petition of the said Brethren, we do appoint the said Charles Thomas to be the Master, the said Daniel Christopher to be the Senior Warden, and the said William George Setley to be Junior Warden, for continuing to hold the said Lodge until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed, strictly charging that every Master who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge shall be installed in Ancient form, and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his office, the said Lodge to be upon the General Register of our Grand Lodge No. 216. And we do require you the said Charles Thomas, and your successors, to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are, or have been, regularly made Masons, And that you and they, and all other the members of the said Lodge, do observe, perform, and keep the said Laws, Rules, and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and all others which may, from time to time, be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us, or our successors, Grand Masters, or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. And we do enjoin you to make such bye-laws for the Government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to, or inconsistent with, the General Laws and regulations of the Craft, And a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such bye-laws and regulations, as also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge, to be entered in books to be kept for that purpose. And you in no wise to omit to send to us, or our successors, Grand Masters, or to the Right Honourable Lawrence Lord Dundas, or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being, at least once in every year, a list of all the members of your Lodge, and the name and description of all Masons initiated therein, and Brethren who shall have joined the same, together with the fees and monies payable thereon, it being our will and intention that this our Warrant shall be in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our said Grand Lodge. And you the said Charles Thomas are further

required, as soon as convenient may be, to send us an account in writing of what may be done by virtue of these presents.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge, at London, this 24th day of July A.L. 5833, A.D. 1833.

By Command of the M.W. Grand Master,

DUNDAS D.G.M.

WILLIAM H. WHITE, } G.S.
EDWARD HARPER, }

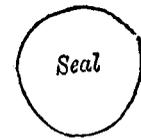
The present title, No., &c. are, the "United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence," 184, Old Brompton, Kent.

No. 50.

No. 199, "Ancients;" No. 247 at the "Union of 1813," No. 174 from A.D. 1832, and No. 149 from A.D. 1863.

TO ALL AND EVERY OUR RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, WORSHIPFUL AND LOVING
BRETHREN.

WE, PRINCE AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, OF BRUNSWICK, LUNENBURGH, DUKE
OF SUSSEX, EARL OF INVERNESS, BARON OF ARKLOW, KNIGHT OF
THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE GARTER, &c. &c. &c.



GRAND MASTER

OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE
AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

SEND GREETING.

WHEREAS, it appears by the records of our Grand Lodge, that a Warrant bearing date 1st of April 1777 was issued, under the Seal of Masonry, enabling certain brethren therein named to open and hold a Lodge of Freemasons at the sign of the Cock, in the Town of Barnsley, in the county of York, which Lodge was afterwards removed to the town of Dewsbury, in the said county, and was then No. 199, and which Lodge, in consequence of the Union of the two Fraternities of Freemasons on the 27th day of December 1813, became, and is now registered in the books of, the United Grand Lodge No. 247, and now meets at Honley, in the county of York, aforesaid.

AND WHEREAS, the brethren composing the said Lodge have by their memorial, dated the 30th day of May 1821 last, represented to us that their said Warrant hath, by some accident, been lost or destroyed, and they have, therefore, prayed us to grant them a Warrant of Confirmation.

NOW KNOW YE, that we being satisfied of the reasonableness of the said request, do hereby grant this our Warrant of Confirmation unto our right trusty and well beloved brethren Hamor Hanson, Thomas Beaumont, James Taylor, William Hawxwell, Davied Redfearn, John Marsh, George Kay, William Sanderson, and the other brothers composing the said Lodge, authorising and empowering them and their successors to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Woolpack Inn, at Honley, near Huddersfield, under the title or denomination of the Lodge of Peace, at such times as to the brethren thereof may appear necessary, and then and there, when duly congregated, to make, pass, and raise Freemasons, according to the ancient custom of the Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And further, at the petition of the said brethren, we do appoint the said Hamor Hanson to be the Master, the said Thomas Beaumont to be the Senior Warden, and the said James Taylor to be the Junior Warden, for opening and holding the said Lodge, and until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed, strictly charging that every Master who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge shall be installed in ancient form, and according to the laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may be thereby fully invested with the dignities and powers of his office, the said Lodge to be upon the general register of our Grand Lodge No. 247. And we do require you the said Hamor Hanson, and your successors, to take special care that all and every the said brethren are or have been regularly made Masons. And that you and they, and all other the members of the said Lodge do observe, perform, and keep the laws, rules, and orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our successors Grand Masters, or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. And we do enjoin you to make such bye-laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the general laws and regulations of the Craft, and a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such bye-laws and regulations, and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge, to be entered in the book to be kept for that purpose. And you are in no wise to omit to send to us or our successors Grand Masters, or to the Right Honourable Lawrence Lord Dundas, our Deputy Grand Master, or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being, at least once in every year, a list of the members of your Lodge, and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein, and brethren who shall have joined the same, together with the fees and monies payable thereon, it being our will and intention that this our Warrant of Confirmation shall be in force so long only as you shall conform to the laws and regulations of our said Grand Lodge. And

you the said Hamor Hanson are further required as soon as conveniently may be, to send us an account in writing of what may be done by virtue of these presents.

Given under our Hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at London, this First day of June, A.L. 5821, A.D. 1821.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,
DUNDAS, D.G.M.

WILLIAM H. WHITE, } G.S.
EDWARD HARPER, }

The present title, No., &c. are the "Lodge of Peace," No. 149, Meltham, West Yorkshire.

No. 51.

No. 113, "Ancients;" No. 138 at the "Union of 1813," No. 109 from A.D. 1832, and No. 90 from A.D. 1863.

GRAND MASTER KELLY

No. 113

WM. OSBORNE D.G.M.

WM. DICKEY S.G.W.

DANIEL GUMNERALL J.G.W.

To all to whom it may concern.—We, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, in the year of our Lord 926, & in the year of Masonry 4926, in ample form assembled.

The Right Worshipful & Right Honourable Thomas Erskine, Earl of Kelly, Viscount Fenton, Lord Dittenweem, &c. Grand Master of Masons. The Worshipful Brother Wm. Osborne Dep^y. Gr^d. Master. The Worshipful Brother Wm. Dickey Sen^r. Gr^d. Warden, & the Worshipful Daniel Gumnerall Jr. Gr^d. Warden, with the approbation & consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities & Suburbs of London & Westminster. Do hereby authorise & empower our Trusty & Well-beloved brethren Mr. Edward Payne one of our Master Masons, Mr. John Gillett his Senior Warden, and Mr. Wm. Meek his Junior Warden, with others, good and faithful brethren. To form & hold Lodge of Freemasons aforesaid, at the sign of the May-pole, in town of Greenwich & County of Kent, & in the s^d. Lodge, when congregated, to admit & make Freemasons according to the most ancient & honoured custom of the Royal Craft, in all ages & nations throughout the known world, & we do hereby empower our well beloved brethren Messrs. Edward Payne, John Gillett, & Wm. Meek (with proper assistants), To nominate, chuse & install their Successors, whom they shall invest with their powers, dignities, & this Warrant, as Masons, & such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse & install their Successors, &c. &c. Such installation to be upon (or near to) every St. JOHN'S DAY during the Continuance of this Lodge for ever.

Provided the above named Brethren & their Successors always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force or virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge in London this 19th day of May, in the year of our Lord 1703, & in the year of Masonry 5763.

LAV. DERMOTT
G.S.

L. S.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered
Grand Lodge, Vol. 4, Letter D.

The present title, No., &c. are, The St. John's Lodge, No. 90, Aldersgate-street, London.

THINGS WORTH REMEMBERING.

From the *Masonic Advocate*.

THE present month, of all others of the year, is the most important as affecting the welfare of the Craft generally. The election of officers for the ensuing year, in all the Lodges, occurs during this month, at the last stated meeting previous to the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, 27th December. Every experienced Mason knows that the prosperity of a Lodge depends very much upon the character and ability of those who are chosen to rule over it, and hence there is no act that a member is called upon to perform that carries with it results of more vital interest to Masonry than when he deposits his ballot for one of its principal officers. As the chief officer, the Worshipful Master holds the station of first importance, and, as is generally the case, there being but a few members who are eligible to the place, it is most difficult to fill with just the right man. Having made the best choice that can be had under the circumstances, the election of the Wardens, next in order, is of scarcely less importance, for they are thus made eligible to the higher position. They should not only be competent to serve in the South or West, but should possess those peculiar qualifications necessary to preside in the East. Never lose sight of the fact that from among those who have served as a Warden, must come the future Worshipful Masters of the Lodge.

For Treasurer, vote for a brother whose word is as good as his bond. For Secretary, elect a good business man; one who is a good

collector, and one who can attend regularly all the meetings of the Lodge. His office is really next in importance to that of the Worshipful Master. If the balance of the officers are to be elected, vote for those best qualified for their respective places, and always for those who are most regular in their attendance. Vote for no one simply because he wants an office, or because he is thought to be a good fellow, for such qualifications alone do not make an efficient officer. Let him earn the position first, by giving evidence that he possesses the necessary qualifications, or has the zeal to acquire them if elected. Above all, beware of those who are seldom seen in the Lodge-room, except on election nights, or immediately preceeding them, for the chances are that their chairs will be often found empty. Do not accept an office yourself when not qualified to fill the place, unless you intend to qualify yourself at once, nor then unless you will be so situated that you can generally attend the meetings of the Lodge during your term of office.

If you have no official position, remember that the officers, however well qualified, can accomplish but little without the hearty co-operation of the members. Give them your earnest support at all times, and be ready to perform such duties as may fall to your lot whenever called upon.

INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE BRITISH UNION LODGE, No. 114.

THE regular meeting was held on Thursday, 28th December, at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, when the installation of the W.M. elect took place. The V.W. Grand Secretary of England, Bro. J. Hervey, having accepted an invitation to be present, and to act as Installing Master, a very large number of members of the Craft attended. Amongst those present were—The V. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. J. Hervey, Rev. J. J. Burton W.M., Rev. J. B. Tweed W.M. elect, who is also P.G. Chaplain of Suffolk, C. Schulen P.M. Treasurer, W. Spalding P.M. Secretary; Bros. H. C. Casley S.D., Ridley King J.D., and G. S. Elliston I.G. The Past Masters of the Lodge present included Bro. P. de Laing Long, Dr. Elliston, W. Boby, Emra Holmes, P. Cornell, A. J. Barber, H. Harris, and J. South. The members of the Lodge included Bros. T. Clement Cobbold M.P. for Ipswich, Captain J. Parsons R.N. of H.M.S. Porcupine, Dr. A. Meadows P.G.S., Rev. T. G. Beaumont, Rev. G. N. Godwin, S. Shortridge, C. J. Meadows, J. Watkins, and E. W. Butler. The Visitors were Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Deputy P.G.M. of Suffolk, Dr. Muir P.M. 593, Dr. A. Fleming P.P.G.S.W., W. D. Paine A.P.G.D.C., G. Creswell P.M. 959, N. Tracy P.M. 376, J. H. Staddon I.P.M. 376, W. Daking W.M. 225, T. R. Elkington 376, &c., &c. Bro. W. Clarke P.G.D.C., was also present, and acted as Director of Ceremonies.

The Lodge having been opened in due and ancient form, and the ordinary business gone through, Bro. J. Hervey proceeded to perform the ceremony of the installation of Bro. the Rev. J. B. Tweed, which the worshipful brother well executed. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bro. H. Miller jun. S.W. (in his absence through illness W. Boby being invested), H. C. Casley J.W., C. Schulen Treasurer, W. Spalding Secretary, G. S. Elliston S.D., S. Shortridge J.D., S. W. Butler I.G., the Rev. T. G. Beaumont Chaplain.

Bro. P. de L. Long, in a few well-chosen words, asked the Lodge to accept a rule which had been presented him as Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes in connection with the Masonic Institution for Girls.

On the motion of the W.M., a vote of thanks was heartily accorded to the Installing Master for fulfilling the office on this occasion, to which Bro. Hervey responded, expressing the happiness he felt to be of service to the Craft.

Lodge having been closed in ancient form, the brethren retired to the banqueting room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toast list was gone through, interspersed with some choice music, Bro. C. Cooke presiding at the pianoforte.

BRO. SIR MICHAEL COSTA.—Sir Michael Costa has never married. He lives unostentatiously, but with such elegance of artistic and social refinement as befits one so distinguished by natural gifts and studious accomplishments. A brother, Mr. Raphael Costa, known in musical circles as a skilful amateur, is his constant companion. Sir Michael's compositions are in style eclectic, and his musician-like quality appears to most advantage in his two oratorios, with their splendid orchestration, beautiful melodies, fugal choruses, and melancholy recitatives. He is courted by the aristocracy, and enjoys the esteem of his Royal patrons; has few intimate friends; is steadfast and honourable; at home, courteous, and entertaining by his intellectual charms; in public and in his business, austere and distant. The secret of his success may be found in his truthfulness, industry, knowledge of details, perfect discipline, determination to know neither friend nor enemy in the orchestra, and, above all, to that mysterious magnetic influence which alone can rule and sway, and fashion the stubborn materials of diverse humanity.—From *Cassell's National Portrait Gallery* for December.

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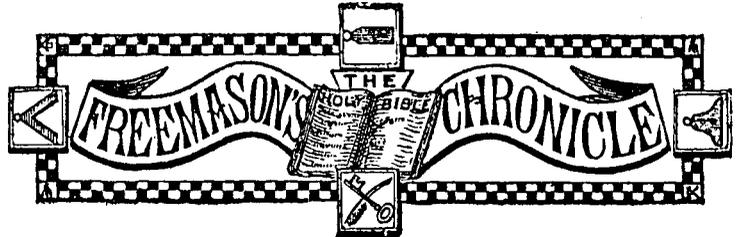
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THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON.

AS this is the last working day of the year, we take the opportunity of wishing all our readers all those good wishes which are usually described as the "Compliments of the Season." They have steadfastly supported us in our struggles to make this journal a success, and many among them have been most energetic in the assistance they have rendered. If our prospects are brighter now than at any previous period in our career, the gratification is due at least as much to their kindness as to our own perseverance. We have done our best, and they have shown their appreciation of that best by helping us to the utmost of their ability. We thank them, one and all, and trust the new year which we enter upon on Monday will be one of prosperity and unalloyed happiness to the Craft universal.

OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE QUEEN, contrary to her usual custom of late years, spent Christmas at Windsor Castle, where the regular festivities connected with Yuletide were faithfully observed. One of the consequences of Her Majesty's remaining has been, that the State apartments were closed to the public on Boxing-day, when ordinarily there is a great influx of visitors into the town. The Prince of Wales has been, and indeed now is in residence at Sandringham. The usual distribution of Christmas fare was made in His Royal Highness's presence, so that all on the estate might thoroughly enjoy themselves at this festive season.

We feel we owe some apology to our readers for making such frequent references to the weather. It is necessary, however, we should repeat the infliction, for this once only at all events, though what we are about to say must not be regarded as news. Our announcement is simply to the effect that the weather has not been seasonable, not like the Christmas weather we read about in story-books, and which the longer we live the more firmly we believe is, after all, mere moonshine. A genial Christmas out-of-doors is a thing of the past. Our forefathers, many generations since, may have known what it was to have sharp, crisp, frosty weather, but it is not our good fortune who live in these degenerate days. At all events people who are desirous of knowing when the last genuine Christmas visited us, must go back a matter of over twenty years, when, if we remember rightly, there was a long and sharp winter of the right sort, that is as far as snow and ice are concerned. This year we have had slush and rain, varied, on Saturday evening, with what we must describe as a very

sorry apology for snow, which, the next morning, in those places where traffic had not disturbed it, had a very dirty, disreputable look about it. Boxing-day, however, was an improvement on Christmas-day—at least till the evening came, when the rain again descended in torrents. Holiday-makers, however, made themselves as merry as circumstances would permit. If Englishmen had not the knack of enjoying themselves under most depressing circumstances, this happy little country of ours would be about the most miserable on the face of the earth. Of course in the evening the said holiday-makers flocked in numbers to the different theatres, especially to those among them which, like Old Drury, Covent Garden, the Standard, Britannia, &c., made a point of having Pantomime for the entertainment. At the first of the theatres we have enumerated the piece may be described by its short title of *The Forty Thieves*, and here the Vokes family are in their glory. Mr. Fred. Vokes turns his legs, if not inside out, at all events in such strange ways that at times they may be mistaken for a revolving spindle-shaft. His three sisters comport themselves as genially, and act as well as ever we have seen them, and so does his brother, Mr. Fawdon Vokes. The harlequinade is under the direction of the veteran Mr. John Cormack, whose name for years has been quite a household word in connection with pantomime. At Covent Garden the piece is called *Robinson Crusoe*, at the Standard *Open Sesame*, at the Surrey *Jack and Gill*, at the Britannia *Turlututu*, at the Grecian *Grim Goblin*.

But while in our cosy homes and at our various places of amusement there have been all kinds of feasting and merriment, there have been many disastrous occurrences both by sea and land. The weather—which we have already described as unseasonable as regards Christmas—has been terrible along our coasts, and even inland places have suffered considerably. There have been several wrecks, attended in some cases with loss of life as well as of property, while in others the latter only has perished, the men having been rescued from impending death by the gallant services of our life-boat crews. Then, on Saturday, a fatal collision occurred on the Great Northern Railway, within a short distance of Hitchin, by which five persons—namely, the driver and stoker and three passengers, were killed outright, while a number of other passengers, some dangerously, some seriously, injured. The accident was caused by an express dashing at full speed into a luggage train, which was being shunted across the down line. The destruction of the company's property was very great, and the scene immediately after the catastrophe is described by eye-witnesses to have been appalling. These are sad things to record at the festive season of Christmas.

But to pass to livelier themes. On Wednesday, our patriarchs will have their annual entertainment at Croydon, and doubtless there will be a sufficient muster of visitors to do honour to so important an occasion. We sincerely hope so, for nothing gives us greater pleasure than to witness the rejoicing of our old friends. A goodly programme was prepared for them at the last summer and winter festivals, and a bird whispers to us that the present will not fall short in merit of either of its immediate predecessors.

The same day a special communication of Grand Lodge has been appointed, by Lord Carnarvon, to be held, in order to receive the report of the Special Committee appointed to consider the best plan for commemorating the Prince of Wales's safe return from India.

Weston's second attempt, at the Agricultural Hall, to walk 500 miles—or rather on this occasion the distance was 505 miles—has proved a failure, only 460 miles having been covered within the allotted time. Considering that he had completed 400 miles by the end of the fifth day, this is less than was generally expected. His three opponents, Parry, Ide and Crossland, among them accomplished about 486 miles, thus exceeding Weston's distance by 26 miles. They became, therefore, entitled to the three prizes of £60, £30, and £20 respectively, together with the additional £25 each as their united distances exceeded Weston's. From an observation the latter made in a short speech at the end of his performance, we should gather that a match to cover 505 miles in six days, is in contemplation, when our pedestrians will have a chance of pitting themselves against him.

On Saturday, at the very time the Plenary Conference at Constantinople was holding its first meeting, a number of salutes announced to the Plenipotentiaries and the

inhabitants of the Turkish capital that a new and extremely liberal Constitution had been granted to all his subjects by the Sultan. This, then, is the first act of the new Grand Vizier, Midhat Pacha. His second has been to annul the Irade issued some time since by his predecessor, Abdul Aziz, declaring that only one-half of the interest payable to the holders of Turkish Bonds would be paid them. As regards important news relating to the crisis, there is little that is trustworthy. A monstrous shave appeared a day or two since, to the effect that Lord Salisbury had had an interview with the Sultan, and announced that if the programme agreed to by the six Powers was not accepted, he and the embassy would leave Constantinople, and the British fleet be withdrawn from Turkish waters. We do not imagine that Lord Salisbury is the man to have taken newspaper correspondents into his confidence, and have told them what he had not yet told the Sovereign to whom he is accredited. There is an etiquette in all these matters which an English gentleman is not likely to overlook. Beyond other vague rumours, there is nothing to record at the moment of writing.

It is announced in the *Keystone* that the regular Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held on the 6th instant, when the usual election of Grand Officers for the year, commencing on St. John the Evangelist's Day, the 27th instant. M.W. Bro. Robert Clark was re-elected Grand Master, Bro. James Madison Porter Deputy Grand Master, Bros. Nisbet and Dick Grand Wardens, and Bros. Patten and Thompson Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary respectively. At the same time Bros. Landenslager, Griscom, Britain, Harrold and Strickland were re-elected Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, and Bros. Perkins, Thompson, Prevost, Howell, and Roberts Trustees of the Girard Bequest. The next important business of the meeting was the reception of the Report submitted by the Committee as to the proposed revision of *Ahiman Rezon*. On the motion of Past Grand Master Lamberton, and at the instance of the Committee itself, the Report was referred back to the Committee, which, till June next, will receive through the Grand Master all amendments that may be suggested by Lodges or individual brethren, and report thereon at the Communication to be held next September, when five printed copies of *Ahiman Rezon*, as finally determined by the said Committee, will be forwarded to all Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvanian Grand Lodge. Meanwhile, a circular letter will be addressed by the Grand Master to all the Lodges, earnestly requesting their consideration of the revision of the work, and their fraternal help in the suggestions of any further amendments that may seem advisable. It is further arranged that the Committee, which had hitherto consisted of seven members, should be enlarged to thirteen. The attendance was numerous, and everything passed off most harmoniously.

A Masonic Conference, which was attended by the representatives of nearly every Lodge in the eastern districts, has been held at Grahamstown, for the purpose of considering a letter which had been received from the Grand Lodge of England, recommending the district to select one of its most able men for the office of District Grand Master for the Eastern Province of South Africa. The Conference took place in the Albany Lodge, No. 389, and out of 20 Lodges on the roll 13 were duly represented. Bro. C. J. Egan, M.D., M.A., of King William's Town, and P.M. of British Kaffrarian Lodge, No. 853, was nominated and recommended to the Pro Grand Master Earl of Carnarvon as the designate of R. W. District Grand Master for the Eastern Province of the Cape of Good Hope.

The P.W. Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P.) and the D.P.G.M. (Bro. W. Hickman), performed the ceremony of installing the W.M. of the Clausentum Lodge, Woolston, near Southampton, on Monday, the 18th of December. The W.M. (Bro. F. A. Rosomau) appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bro. Captain T. H. M. Martin, R.N., I.P.M.; Bro. George J. Tilling S.W., Bro. R. R. L. Rosomau J.W., Bro. Captain R. W. Evans Treasurer, Bro. H. Phillips P.M. Secretary, Bro. E. A. Andrews S.D., Bro. W. H. Chapman J.D., Bro. J. Methven I.G.; Bro. E. Waters D.C. Subsequently the brethren adjourned to the Woolston

College (lent for the occasion by Bro. J. Methven), where a splendid banquet was provided by Bro. Dartnell of the High-street, Southampton.

The festival of St. John was celebrated on Wednesday by the St. John's Lodge, Melrose, to the number of between 80 and 90, marching in procession, headed by the 4th Roxburgh (Hawick) Volunteer band, thrice round the Market Cross, and then making a circuit of the town. After dining in the Corn Exchange the procession was resumed, each member being armed with a flaming torch, and again the Masons perambulated round the Market Cross. Thereafter the Abbey was visited, where the customary parade was gone through, amid a fine display of fireworks, which, in combination with the torchlight, illumined the ancient ruin to great advantage.

We are pleased to announce that the annual Christmas treat to the annuitants of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place on Wednesday next, at the Institution, Croydon. We understand that some of our energetic brethren have provided an amusing entertainment. As usual, Bro. Terry, the worthy Secretary, who will be assisted by Dr. Strong, will conduct the proceedings.

The first meeting of the brethren who have kindly accepted the office of Steward for the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons, will be held on the 4th of January next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. Brethren who have not yet enrolled their names can do so on application to Bro. James Terry, the Secretary to the Institution.

Our worthy brother T. A. Adams P.G.P., The Octogenarian, announces his Annual Ball, which will take place on Tuesday, 6th February, at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's; an efficient body of Stewards, many of them distinguished in the Order, have consented to act, and we trust their combined efforts will ensure the success that has hitherto attended Bro. Adams' annual gatherings.

The report of the Special Committee appointed by Grand Lodge on the 6th of September last, for the purpose of recommending the most appropriate mode of recording the thankfulness of the Craft for the safe return of the M.W. the Grand Master from India will be presented to an especial Grand Lodge to be holden on Wednesday next, the 3rd January, at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., and, if approved of, the report will be recommended for adoption at the next Quarterly Communication. The Grand Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock.

MASONIC BANQUETS.

(From the Keystone).

WE have reached the season of Masonic Banquets—not that they are especially numerous, even now, but they are more frequent than at other seasons. Many Lodges meet "around the mahogany" at their annual meetings, that do so at no other time. In our opinion, such a custom is promotive of genuine Masonic feeling, and strengthens the mystic tie between brethren. In proof of this fact we propose to consider some of the pleasures of the table.

How refreshing are the memories that fill our minds as we recur to the joys of our childhood's home, when we gathered, a gay and loving band, around our father's board, and feasted not less upon a mother's cheerful converse, than upon the viands her love and care had prepared. Sometimes they portray the scenes of later days, when fatigued with the toils of the day, hungry and thirsty, we sought at night our sheltered home. How refreshing the welcome that greeted us! How quickly was the whole current of our feelings changed! A table arranged with neatness, and prepared by generous hands, awaited us—what though it was spread with a simple, or scanty fare? Love prepared it. Love presided over it. Beaming happy faces surrounded it. Cheerful voices mingled over it—faces all the brighter for our coming—voices whose cheerful tones awakened a responsive echo in our own breasts. Such a table does more than appease hunger. It refreshes the soul. It invigorates the moral and social nature. No man can come under its influence without being made happier and better. It is a school of

training as well as a fountain of pleasure. How many of the vivid recollections of our childhood's home are associated with those cheerful gatherings around the family board. How many a care-worn man has been sustained by the heart sympathies—the pure and radiant cheerfulness, that pervades the circle which gathers daily around his well-ordered-table! Such a table has been styled the "emblem of home." It is more than this; it is home itself—the centre of its attraction, the radiant point of its beneficent sway. It is the seat and soul of its power. *Banish this regular gathering around the family board and you banish home from our land.* If each member of the family should take his meals alone, like the prisoner in his cell, who does not feel that home would be home no longer? The sweet amenities, the unselfish courtesies, the habits of regularity which are the daily discipline of a well-ordered and happy home, would all be lost. The family board is the strongest conservator of the family tie—the legitimate fruit of civilization, the harmonizer of every domestic and social organization. It is degraded when made to minister only to the demands of appetite. It has a higher mission. Influences centre around it and radiate from it in the cementing of friendship, the nurturing of love, the healing of alienation, the cultivation of refined and genial manners, which leave their impress upon the entire character and life. Who can tell how much he owes to their constantly recurring power during all the years of childhood and the riper experience of manhood? What happy hours have we passed—what valuable lessons have we learned—what sweet communion with kindred hearts have we enjoyed around that common table in our dear old home!

Now apply these acknowledged principles to our life in the Craft. Freemasonry is a moral, intellectual, social, and convivial fraternity. It, too, should rightly esteem and judiciously profit by the pleasures of the table. Masons should meet stately around the convivial board, not necessarily at every Lodge meeting, but certainly upon at least one occasion during every Masonic year. The annual banquet should gather together all of the brethren into a loving throng. It should seat them in an unbroken circle "around the mahogany." It should fill them with the home feeling that we experience so fully when seated at our own board, surrounded by the members of our family. Every brother is a member of the Masonic family, especially every brother who is a member of our own Lodge. Freemasons should be loth to entirely surrender their Lodge banquets. True, they should not be suffered to degenerate into occasions for gormandizing, or bacchanalian orgies. Perhaps such an experience in the now somewhat remote past led to the comparative disuse of the banquet. There was a time when knife-and-fork Masons brought disrepute upon the Craft, and when the excessive drinking customs of society were prevalent at convivial Lodge gatherings; but the times are now altered. It is no longer respectable to be either a glutton or a drunkard. A "three-bottle man" is not considered any longer the highest class of man in society. We may, then, safely indulge in the pleasures of the table. We may at least annually gather the Craft for social and convivial enjoyment—that is, we may if we have the means. Poverty and banquets are not twins. So long as we have empty treasuries we must have, so far as the Lodge is concerned, empty stomachs, and forego the social joys that are associated with the festal board. Of course we do not advocate the squandering of Lodge funds, or the wiping out of the treasurer's account. Neither a Lodge nor an individual should give a banquet without having ample pecuniary ability to do so. But wherever the funds permit it, or subscriptions are obtainable for the purpose, we are sure that the gathering of the brethren, *en masse*, on or near St. John's Day, and their joint participation in healthful convivial pleasures, can only result in rational enjoyments that is peculiarly Masonic. The earliest Lodge record we possess, dated December 18, A.D. 1599 (Lodge of Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, No. 1 Scotland), refers to the banquet, and for many years thereafter it was deemed an indispensable adjunct to the ceremonies of the Craft, and was provided at the expense of the newly-made brethren. If there be any truth, beauty or force in the principles we enunciated in the beginning of this article, then Freemasons should be loth to dispense with Masonic banquets.

CONSECRATION OF KENMUIR LODGE, 570, SPRINGBOURNE.

THE consecration of Lodge Kenmuir took place on Friday, 22nd December 1876. The ceremony was performed in a highly creditable manner by Bro. F. A. Barrow P.G.D.M., Provincial Grand Lodge, Glasgow. In the course of the evening Bro. Barrow delivered an address on the principles of the Order, in which he strongly enjoined the brethren to maintain in all their integrity the genuine tenets of the Order, and above all to be upright and just in all their actions, and seek to feel and cultivate love to God and good-will to man. The Provincial Grand Lodge being closed, Lodge Kenmuir was opened by Bro. Aikman, who requested Bro. Gilles to confer on Bro. Barrow and the other members of the deputation the honour of affiliation, for which Bro. Barrow returned thanks on behalf of himself and the deputation, and expressed how highly they appreciated the honour conferred upon them, after which Bro. Law, in a felicitous speech, passed a high eulogium on Bro. Barrow for his eloquent and practical address, and commented in glowing terms on the zeal and interest Bro. Barrow had shown for many years towards Freemasonry.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—We understand that this prosperous young Lodge intends holding its first banquet on the 18th January next, at the Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.

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, 30th DECEMBER.

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, 1st JANUARY.

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.)
188—Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C. (Installation.)

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
166—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.

TUESDAY, 2nd JANUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Wheatshaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, 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.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
200—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
393—St. David, Masonic Hall, Parade, Berwick.
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd JANUARY.

Special Meeting of Grand Lodge, at Freemasons' Hall, London, at 7.
193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
802—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1106—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester (Emergency) at 7.
293—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1611—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

THURSDAY, 4th JANUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
1426—The Great City, 111 Cheapside, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

31—United Industrious, Guildhall, Canterbury.
39—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
291—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Masonic Building, Abingdon-street, Northampton.
412—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Pullring-lane, Grimsby.
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underly, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1473—Bootle, Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Bootle, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery.
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.

FRIDAY, 5th JANUARY.

766—William Preston, Feathers, Upper George-st., Edgware-rd. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.
601—St. John's, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
709—Invicta, Corn Exchange, Queen-street, Ashford.
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
1397—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.

SATURDAY, 6th JANUARY.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1302—De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1542—Legitium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 390—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.

TUESDAY.

265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
448—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 206—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield.
397—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

THURSDAY.

289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
974—Santelpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
K.T. 58—Fearnley Masonic Temple, Dewsbury.

FRIDAY.

242—St. George's, Victoria Room, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield.
1648—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—429—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.

TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 86 Constitution-street.

THURSDAY—97—St. James, St. James' Hall, Writer's-court.

FRIDAY—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street. †

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.

„ R. A. 119—Rosslyn, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY—117—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Douglas-street, Partick.

„ 123—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.

„ 354—Caledonian Railway, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.

„ R. A. 87—Shamrock and Thistle, 12 Trongate.

THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

„ 465—St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road, Glasgow.

FRIDAY—116—Royal Arch, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.

„ 275—Shamrock and Thistle, 21 Struthers-street, Glasgow.

„ 408—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

„ 360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.

„ 512—Thorntree, School Room, Thornliebank.

„ 553—St. Vincent, Freemasons' Hall, Dumbarton-road.

SATURDAY—23—St. John's, Black Bull, Kirkiintilloch.

„ 305—St. John Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.

„ 453—St. John's, Freemason's Hall, Busby, 6 p.m.

CHINESE CARVING.—For Sale, an elaborately carved set of Ivory Chessmen. The Kings stand 8½ inches high, the other pieces in proportion. Knights and Pawns on horseback, all mounted on stands, with concentric balls. Can be seen, and full particulars obtained, on application to W. W. Morgan, 67 Barbican.—Adv.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Lodge St. John, 3 bis.—Election meeting of this, the oldest Lodge in Glasgow, called together a very large muster of the brethren. Bro. D. M. Nelson R.W.M., after opening the Lodge, apologised for the absence of the Secretary, Bro. Dick, who was attending the bedside of his dying father. He had that day called to see Bro. Dick sen., one of the oldest of their members, and he feared they would not see him in the Lodge again. The election then proceeded, with the following result:—Bros. Wm. Kyle R.W.M., J. Sellan D.M., David Harne S.M., Peter Brownlie S.W., J. Ferguson Trea., Wm. Checkerm Sec., A. Beddie S.D., Hugh Tennant J.D., Robert Craig B.B., J. S. Cowan Architect, T. A. Tennant Jeweller, T. F. Pollock G.M., R. D. Samuels P.G.S., G. Galloway S.S., Alex. Carrick D. of M., Jas. Duthie I.G., and A. J. Young Tyler. Bro. Nelson brought forward a case of charity, on behalf of the widow of a Brother not of their own Lodge, when the sum of £5 3s was subscribed by the brethren present. Bro. T. Smillie P.M. proposed the thanks of the Lodge to the retiring Master, not only for his conduct in the Lodge, but also for the way he had transacted its business outside. Bro. Wm. Bell I.P.M. seconded, in a speech expressive of true Masonic principles. Bro. Nelson said it was gratifying to find his conduct thus appreciated; he had during his year of office made many friends, and he would fain hope that he had made no enemies.

St. Cuthbert Lodge, No. 41.—This Lodge held a special meeting at the Masonic Hall, Kirkcudbright, on Monday, 25th December. Business—Installation of Bros. John Erskine R.W.M. and James Clark P.M. as installed Masters, now held necessary by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The installed Masters present were Bros. J. Ritchie R.W.M. of Granite Union Lodge, No. 480, Dalbeattie, and James Cowan and James McMaldrew, Past Masters of St. Cuthbert Lodge, No. 41. The following other brethren were present—John A. Osborne, William Mouncey, Laurentius Noren Secretary, J. Livingston Tyler. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Ritchie, in an excellent manner. The business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Caledonian of Unity Chapter, No. 73.—This Chapter held its regular meeting at 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on 27th Dec., G. W. Wheeler Z. presiding. There were two brethren for exaltation, and the ceremonies were performed with that completeness which can only be secured when each Companion knows his duty and is able to perform it efficiently.

St. Mirren's Lodge, No. 129, Paisley.—The meeting for the election of office-bearers of this Lodge took place on Monday evening, the 18th inst., in the Masonic Hall, 15 Moss-street, Paisley. The office-bearers present were Bros. H. S. Edmonds R.W.M., T. Bustard D.M., A. McLeod I.P.M., William Gemmell S.W., George Fisher J.W., Peter Blair Treasurer, A. McPherson Secretary, R. McLeod S.D., H. Buxton J.D., William Craig I.G., &c., &c. The attendance of brethren present was the largest ever known to assemble at a similar meeting of this Lodge, over 160 members having signed the attendance book. After the Lodge had been opened in due form by the R.W.M., and the minutes read and approved, the auditors appointed at the last meeting read their report, which showed the funds of the Lodge to be in a very satisfactory condition, there being a balance this year of £37 to its credit. The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—Bros. George Fisher R.W.M., Thomas Bustard D.M., H. S. Edmonds I.P.M., T. J. Bustard S.W., R. C. McLeod J.W., Peter Blair Treasurer, R. C. Kilgour Secretary, Rev. W. F. Mills Chaplain, Peter Moir S.D., William Russell J.D., A. Morrison S.S., W. Wotherspoon J.S., John Barnett S.S.B., Andrew Moffat J.S.B., William Scott Jeweller, William Robin Architect, C. A. Hardie Director of Music, William Craig I.G., and William Alexander Tyler. The installation of the newly-elected office-bearers was immediately thereafter proceeded with, Bro. H. S. Edmonds I.P.M. officiating. The Lodge unanimously voted from its funds the sum of £10 to the retiring Secretary, Bro. Alexander McPherson, in recognition of his highly appreciated services whilst holding that office. Some business of minor importance having been transacted, the Lodge was thereafter closed, in due and ancient form, by the newly installed R.W.M.

Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276.—The Installation Ceremony in connection with the Lodge of Good Fellowship, Chelmsford, took place on Thursday, in the Lodge room, at the White Hart Hotel, in the presence of several brethren from a distance, as well as a good muster of the ordinary members of the Lodge. The Ceremony of Installation was ably undertaken by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Grand Chaplain for England, and D.P.G.M. for Surrey. The new Master, Bro. E. Robbins, having been duly installed, proceeded to the appointment of the following officers, viz.:—Bros. E. Hunt Carter I.P.M., D. M. B. Wheeler S.W., A. F. Ginn J.W., F. Whitmore Treasurer, J. Nicholls M.D. Secretary, Rev. F. B. Shepherd Chaplain, J. S. Brown S.D., J. H. Lewin J.D., A. Durrant D.C., E. Shedd I.G., Thomas Sarel Tyler. Amongst the brethren present besides those above mentioned were W. Bro. M. E. Clerk D.P.G.M. for Essex, Bros. J. P. Sarel, W. Pullen, A. Goodchild, Captain Bannister, W. Hart, T. F. Bishop, R. W. Skelmerdine, G. Inskipp, A. Clarke, Rev. H. L. Elliot, T. J. Ralling, G. Cooper, Dr. Jackson, Rev. E. H. Crate, &c., &c. The brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet, when the usual Masonic Toasts were duly honoured.

Perseverance Chapter, No. 290, Huddersfield.—A Convocation of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, South

Parade, on Wednesday, 20th December. The Chapter was opened by Comps. Wm. Schofield Z., Harrop H., and J. W. Turner J. There were also present at the business of the Chapter Comps. Wm. Smith P.Z., Joshua Lee P.Z., B. Hutchinson P.Z., C. Wheavill, E. Wall P.S., Brierley, Dyson and others. There being no candidates for exaltation, and the minutes of the previous Convocation having been read and confirmed, the only business was to hear the report of the auditors of the accounts for the two previous years, which report was unanimously accepted, it showing the Chapter to be in a most flourishing state, having a considerable amount of money for investment. The Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to the banquet, when the usual toasts were duly honoured, and a very agreeable evening was spent; each Companion going home satisfied at having enjoyed himself.

St. George Lodge, No. 333.—Held their election meeting on the 13th inst., Bro. A. Thompson R.W.M. presiding, when the following brethren were elected as officers for the ensuing year, and duly installed by Bro. T. Halkel P.M. 102, viz., Bros. James Findley R.W.M., Jas. Forsyth S.M., Robert Anderson S.W., Thos. Hill J.W., R. Fairburn Treas., A. Dunn Sec., A. McIntyre S.D., John Findley J.D., John Whinton P.M. Chaplain, C. Kennard Architect, Jas. K. Adams S.B., Jas. Grohn S.S., Wm. McLeish J.S., G. Cranslin P.G.S., A. McIntyre M. of C., G. Thompson I.G., and W. G. Hickson Tyler.

Clydesdale Lodge, No. 556.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 26th December, as owing to the lengthened proceeding at the election, the Master and his deputy were the only officers installed at the last meeting. Bro. Phillis R.W.M. now proceeded to instal the other office bearers, the list of whom appeared in our last impression. Amongst the visitors we observed the following brethren:—N. Duncan and G. W. Wheeler 73, Louis McGellan 38, J. Denby 137, D. McDougar 175, R. Jack R.W.M. 128, W. Hart R.W.M. 178, W. West 347, J. Gard 347, A. B. Ferguson R.W.M. 354, with his Warden Bro. Harley, Bro. Harley sen., C. McKenzie S.M. and others of a deputation; D. Reid R.W.M. 465, and Bros. Gould and Fife D.M., J. Ferguson D.M. 381 and J. McInnes 360, of the *Glasgow News*. After the installation, the Lodge was placed under the care of the new J.W., Bro. McKechney, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Phillis then said as they had the Master and Wardens, as well as a deputation from the Caledonian Railway Lodge 354, he would follow the old time-honoured custom of placing the Lodge in their charge for a short time. After Bro. A. B. Ferguson had taken the chair, he proposed the health of Bro. Phillis, highly eulogising his work, by which he had raised the Lodge to its present proud position. Bro. Phillis said it had been his ambition always to keep before the Lodge, whether at work or at refreshment, the three great principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, as well as the cardinal virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity; and though the Lodge had just had a sharp contest, he hoped that now all would again unite to carry these principles into practice. He knew he should have the assistance of the new office-bearers, and trusted that the rest of the members would second their efforts in the good work.

Albert Edward Lodge, No. 592.—The election and installation of officers of this Lodge took place on the 21st. Amongst those who took part in the ceremony were H. S. Edmund I.P.M. St. Mirrens 129, who acted as installing Master, J. E. Caldwell P.G.S.M. of Renfrewshire East, D. M. Nelson I.P.M. 3 bis G.J.D., L. M. McKeller R.W.M. 512 and J. Stewart 360. The following is the list of officers:—R.W.M. Robert Nesbitt, D.M. T. White, S.M. J. Clark, I.P.M. R. Horne, S.W. A. C. Kellock, J.W. Jas. Gray, Treasurer J. E. Shand, Secretary M. Nash, S.D. Walter Guma, J.D. G. Kitto, S.B. J. Gallings, S.S. R. McMillan, J.S. J. B. McKellock, I.G. G. Stein, and Tyler R. Brenn. When the Board of Installed Masters was formed, Bro. L. M. McKellar, the newly elected Master of the Thorntree 512, was duly installed, along with Bro. Nisbett. Although the Albert Edward is only just formed, it promises to rival some of its compeers in Renfrewshire East, as from its situation in the suburbs of Glasgow it has a good field for its labours.

Lodge of Montefiore, No. 1017.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Café Royal, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. J. Blum W.M., V. Myers S.W., Gulliford J.W., L. Jacobs Treasurer, E. P. Albert G.P. Secretary; and P.M.'s Bros. Grunbaum, J. Lazarus, S. Pollitzer, J. De Solla, A. Blumenthal, A. D. Locwenstark, A. Eskell, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Sampson Samuel and A. Marks, the latter gentleman being the father-in-law of the W.M. elect. Bro. Victor Myers was presented to the Lodge, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. S. V. Abrahams P.M. duly installed him into the chair, perfectly and impressively. At the conclusion of the ceremony he received the congratulations of every brother and visitor present. Bro. T. Fenn P.G.A.D.C. occupied the J.W.'s chair. There were 18 W.M.'s and P.M.'s present at the ceremony. On the admission of the brethren, the W.M. invested his officers: Bros. Gulliford S.W., J. Lazarus P.M. J.W., L. Jacobs Treasurer, E. P. Albert G.P. Secretary, L. J. Salomons S.D., Hockfield J.D., Ellis I.G., M. Levy D.C., B. Simonds and Davis Stewards, Smith Tyler. The W.M. showed his aptitude for the office by the pertinent remarks he made. Bro. S. V. Abrahams said, He had a pleasing duty to perform; to present, in the name of the Lodge, Bro. Blum with a Past Master's jewel. By the way he had performed his duties, he had won the esteem of all the brethren. The jewel he was about to present was but a feeble expression of the respect of the members. It might be of considerable value,

but that ill represented the great jewel that lay beneath it,—The truly Masonic heart. Not only had he been the means of introducing many influential members, but he had also not been unmindful of the Masonic Charities. Bro. J. Blum returned thanks for the valuable gift. When he accepted the office of W.M., he did so with a view to benefit the Lodge, and he was pleased his duties had been done to their satisfaction, it was in every respect pleasing to hear the manner in which he had been spoken of by their worthy Bro. Abrahams. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet and dessert. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. The National Anthem was then sung, by the Misses Perfitt, accompanied by Bro. Grove Ellis. The toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. was given and enthusiastically received. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, said he felt honoured by the presence of one of those distinguished brethren who had favoured them with his company, he referred to Bro. T. Fenn P.G.D.; he had only to mention the name, and all would know what he had done for Freemasonry. He would, however, not forget another Grand Officer, who was a member of the Lodge, one who they not only respected, but of whom they were proud. Bro. Fenn, who, on rising, was loudly cheered, in the course of a very eloquent speech, said he had to thank the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had spoken. He regretted the absence of Bro. John Hervey, who he said was unfortunately prevented from attending. You have among you a Grand Officer, Bro. E. P. Albert, who is known and respected by all. He felt it a great honour to be called upon to respond to the toast. Loud calls for Bro. Albert were then made, and that Brother also spoke to the toast. The W.M. proposed the newly Initiated Brethren; he was pleased to see them, their contributions to the Benevolent Fund attached to the Lodge was sufficient to show their appreciation of the obligations of Freemasonry. Bros. Samuel and Marks responded. Bro. Blum I.P.M., on rising for the first time as a P.M., had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the W.M. (Cheers.) He had seen him initiated five years since, he had carefully watched him, and he had showed his capacity for filling any office; he was one who would fully maintain the welfare and integrity of the Lodge, and he was sure the Lodge would have a happy and prosperous year. The W.M., in the course of his speech, thanked Bro. Blum for his kind wishes, he could only reiterate what had already been said; he would say deeds, not words, would be his motto, and at the expiration of his year of office he hoped to receive their approbation. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, who were so distinguished and numerous that he could not mention their several qualifications, but he would call on Bro. Myers to respond. That brother justified the call of the W.M., speaking highly of the working of the Lodge in every respect, and also of the hospitality shown them. The W.M. then proposed the toast of Bro. Blum I.P.M., who he characterised as a good Mason, and one who had discharged his duties to their satisfaction. He would indeed feel satisfied if, on retiring from the chair, he could hear the same expressions from the brethren that had greeted Bro. Blum. Bro. Blum said he could hardly find words to express his gratitude. He had to thank the Past Masters and the brethren for their kind and valuable assistance during the last twelve months. He was sure they had forgiven his shortcomings; he had the welfare of the Lodge at heart. He thanked them for their valuable presentation; he would always wear the elegant jewel with pride, in whatever country he might visit, and he would look upon it as a paramount duty to further the interests of the Montefiore Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters, he mentioned their Masonic qualifications, and particularly referred to the services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. S. V. Abrahams, P.M. Bro. Abrahams said he now felt his duties were at an end; by his observance of the manner of the junior officers—he might say every officer—they were qualified to fill any office, and he was sure they would efficiently carry out their duties. He would only be too happy, at all times, to assist them. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Wardens, which was responded to by Bros. Gulliford and J. Lazarus. Bros. J. J. Salomons and Ellis replied for the Junior Officers, and the Tyler's toast concluded a very agreeable and harmonious evening. A special musical treat was provided by Bro. Grove Ellis, who was assisted by the Misses Perfitt, Grove Ellis jun., and Mr. Field. The Visitors were Bros. T. Fenn P.G.D.C., J. Ebner, G. H. Jaffa 1579, J. Luisner 25, G. Goody 34, A. M. Cohen P.M. 205, H. Massey P.M. 619, A. G. Dodson W.M., C. F. Hogard P.M. 205 P.P.G.S.W. Essex, J. Levi 1507, Eisenstein 177, Grove Ellis 188, Lowe 205, Barnett W.M. 185, Diepenheim 188, Shnieder, Weingott, Blum late 1017.

Chiltern Lodge, No. 1470.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 19th of December, at the Town Hall, Dunstable. Present—Bros. Frederick Howell W.M., J. W. Haselgrove S.W., William Randall J.W., Otway S.D., Sinkwell J.D., Rev. C. B. Harris Chaplain, Cutler Steward, M. M. Harris I.G., T. Day Tyler, Bros. Hopkins, Benning, Stevenson, Gard, Teale, Crew, Rest, &c. Business—The Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, when the unanimous choice of the brethren proved to be in favour of Bro. J. W. Haselgrove S.W. (P.M. No. 475), and in a few suitable sentences the W.M. congratulated Bro. Haselgrove, and that worthy brother replied. Bros. Cobby and Day were re-elected to their respective offices of Treasurer and Tyler. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Ezekiel Jones, and that gentleman was declared elected. The Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. Stevenson was raised, the beautiful ceremony being most impressively rendered. The Lodge resumed, and as Mr. Jones was present, he was initiated into our mysteries, and took his seat. The S.W. then proposed that, to mark the ending of the W.M.'s second year of office, and the high esteem of the brethren for him, and their appreciation of his excellent working, a clasp should be added to his P.M. jewel, with a proper inscription. This

being seconded by the Chaplain, was carried. Bro. Howell returned thanks for the honour done him. The Lodge was then duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Saunders', Sugar Loaf Hotel, where their comfort was in every way studied by the host. Bro. Latham was present as a visitor.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday 21st inst., at the Metropolitan Club, Pentonville Road. Bros. T. Williams W.M., R. T. Kingham S.W., J. Douglass J.W., W. M. Stiles Sec., C. J. Scales S.D., W. Side J.D., H. Stiles I.G., and P.M.'s J. J. Michael and James Willing jun. Bros. Ormiston, Solomon, Wrigley, Sainsbury, Gilbert, Cook, Van Camp, Brooker, Tims jun., Baron Von Tittenborn, Little, Cooper, Tuok, Clark, Beattie, Rainey, Clare, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. T. J. Clare and S. Beattie were passed to the 2nd degree, and Messrs. T. J. Thorn and C. Killingback were initiated into the Order. The working was carefully and impressively rendered by the W.M., and the Officers were perfect. An election for Treasurer then took place, in consequence of Bro. Rose having resigned that office. The election was unanimously in favour of Bro. James Willing jun., P.M., and the W.M., in investing him with the collar, said, that ever since the consecration Bro. Willing had performed every duty the Lodge required of him, and that no better selection could have been made. They had seen what he had done, not only for the interests of the Lodge, but also how, in every respect, he had performed the duties of W.M. They were proud to see him among them in any capacity he occupied. A notice of motion was given by Bro. Kingham S.W., "That the removal of the Lodge be discussed at the next meeting." The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Cox. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. His remarks were brief, and to the purpose. Bro. J. J. Michael I.P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M. Bro. Williams had on several occasions done his work well, and all present would drink his health with enthusiasm. Bro. Williams said that he was very proud of the position he held. As W.M. of so flourishing a Lodge, his best services would ever be at their command. He was much indebted to the I.P.M.'s, in whose footsteps he hoped to tread. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge, they were energetic in all they undertook, and were never tired in working for the good of the Lodge. Bro. Michael returned thanks. The more the Lodge flourished, the more pleased the Past Masters would be. He had great pleasure in announcing that he should represent the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at the next Festival, and he would ask the brethren to contribute any sum they could afford, a vote would accrue to each donor of 5s. Bro. Michael's appeal was liberally responded to by each brother present. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates. It was a toast all were pleased to receive. Both had paid great attention to the ceremony, and all present were proud to see them. He hoped that at a future time they would be enabled to occupy the post of W.M. Bro. Brooker here sang a very humorous song. Bros. Killingback and Thorne returned thanks. Bro. J. Michael sang the E.A. song. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Visitors, who were Bros. McKenzie 261, Wina No. 25, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. They were pleased to see them; Visitors were always welcome among them, and he hoped they would be present on many occasions. Bro. Tuck then favored the company with a capital song. The Visitors severally returned thanks, each brother complimenting the W.M. on his working, and also Bro. Michael for the interest taken by him in the Masonic Charities. The W.M. said he had great pleasure in proposing the health of the Secretary, who was unfortunately absent through illness. They had, however, among them that evening one who, by the numerous votes of the brethren, had been elected Treasurer. He referred to Bro. James Willing, whose knowledge of the duties of Freemasonry was such that they were proud he had accepted this office. He had lately been elected W.M. of a very powerful and influential Lodge; that alone would tend to shew that their interests would be carefully looked after. Bro. Stiles, as Assist. Secretary, was one who was in every way qualified to fill the office. Bro. James Willing, in an excellent and humorous speech replied, and was followed by Bro. Stiles. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Wardens, said, that however competent the W.M. might be to carry out his duties, those duties could not be performed without the co-operation of his principal officers they had performed their task satisfactorily and he hoped all would drink the toast in a befitting manner. Bro. Kingham S.W. returned thanks, he was gratified at the expressions of the W.M. and the approbation of the brethren. He, as well as his brother officers, would endeavour to follow in the footsteps of those who had preceded them. Bros. Scales and Side also acknowledged the compliment. The Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren, after having passed a very agreeable evening, separated, wishing each and all the compliments of the season and a happy new year.

Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bros. J. C. Mason W.M., E. S. Stidolph S.W., W. J. Kemp J.W., T. J. Sabino, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex Treasurer, F. Walters P.P.G.J.D. Middlesex Secretary, C. W. Hudson S.D., H. Faija J.D., C. Grabham W.S., A. J. Hawkes I.G.; and Bros. Harding, C. Winstanley, and several others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The W.M. raised Bro. Carter to the 3rd degree, passed Bro. A. Ward into the 2nd degree, and also initiated Mr. John Simpson. One gentleman was proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The Special Grand Lodge meeting for the 3rd of January was announced, and the Lodge was closed, slight refreshment followed. The Visitors were Bros. J. W. Baldwin P.G.G.P. Middlesex P.M. 1423, J. W. George S.W. 1309, T. W. Adams S.W. 1623, and T. Knight 1326.

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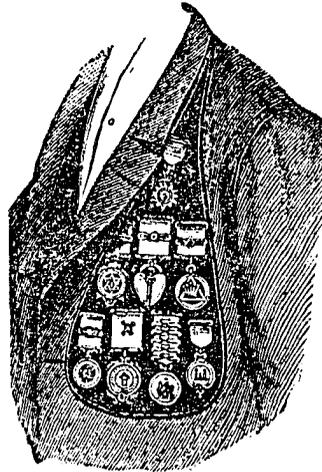
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