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THE LISTS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

THE Lists of approved candidates for the approaching elections at the Girls' School on the 14th inst., and the Boys' School on the 16th inst., are before us. In the case of the former, there are thirteen vacancies and fifty-four candidates, of whom five, if unsuccessful on this occasion, will be ineligible, on the score of age, to try again, while for the latter, there are twelve vacancies and fifty-nine candidates, nine of whom will be ineligible again for a like reason. But for convenience sake, let us continue the analyses of the two lists separately, taking the girls first, both as an act of courtesy and because their election will take place first.

We have said that for the Institution at St. John's Hill there are fifty-four candidates for thirteen vacancies, or over four for each vacancy. Of these the two at the top of the list are applicants now for the fifth time. The next in numerical order has made three previous attempts, and this will be her last. The thirteen that follow in order are making their third essay, and in the case of one of them—No. 6—if she will fail this time, all chance of her entering the school is destroyed. There are then twelve candidates who have already presented themselves on one occasion. Two of these twelve, namely, Nos. 20 and 24, must obtain a place among the successful at this election, or their hope of obtaining admission will be destroyed. The remaining candidates are applicants for the first time, and in the case of one of them—No. 37—for the last likewise. If we distribute them among our Masonic Provinces and Districts we find that twenty of the candidates hail from London. W. Yorkshire and Lincoln furnish four each; Devon and Hants and I. of W. each three; Kent, E. Lancashire, and the District of Bengal two each; while the following send a single candidate each, namely, Wilts, Staffordshire, Somersetshire, Cumberland and Westmoreland, Eastern Archipelago, Durham, Sussex, Notts, Bristol, Herts, Lancashire W., Yorkshire N. and E., and 14th Regiment of Foot. Two of the girls have lost both their parents, forty have no father, two have no mother, nine have both parents living, while the remaining one has lost both her parents, but has a step-mother. The fathers of only eleven out of the fifty-four candidates, or less than one-fourth of the whole number, have ever in any way contributed directly to our Charitable Institutions.

Turning now to the Boys' School, we note that of the fifty-nine candidates who will compete, on the 16th inst., for twelve vacancies, the first on the list has made six previous attempts, the second five, and the five next in order four. Of the last, Nos. 3 and 5, if unsuccessful now, will be ineligible at the October election. The next eight are now competing for the fourth time, and one of them, No. 14, will have no other than the present opportunity of getting into the School. The five next in order of rotation have had each two previous trials, and in the case of two of them, Nos. 18 and 19, this will be their last. Then come twenty candidates who were on the list at the October election last year, but were unsuccessful. Three of these, namely, Nos. 22, 26, and 29, must win now or never. The remaining nineteen are new candidates, and in the case of No. 45, this will be his last, as it is his first, chance of winning. London furnishes twenty-one of the fifty-nine candidates, Warwickshire five, Devonshire, N. Wales and Salop, and East Lancashire three each; Cumberland and Westmoreland, Essex, Lincolnshire, Dorset and Gloucester-

shire, and West Yorkshire two each; Middlesex, Cambridgeshire, Hants and I. of Wight, Cheshire, Staffordshire, Sussex, Bristol, N. and E. Yorkshire, Northampton and Hunts, and Wilts, with the Districts of Bengal, Bombay, S. Africa, E. Div., and W. Indies send up each a single candidate. Three of the applicants have lost both parents, and one has lost both parents, but has a stepmother, forty-four have no father, two are motherless, two are as good as fatherless, for their fathers are paralysed, and seven have both parents still living, and in one case, the father has deserted his wife since 1871. The fathers of fourteen, or somewhat less than a fourth of the whole number, have subscribed to or served the office of Steward for one or more of our Institutions, while in several cases they held or had obtained high rank in the Society.

Only a few particulars remain to be added. One of the candidates to the Boys' School has already a brother in the Institution, while another has a sister in the Girls' School. On the other hand, of the girl candidates, one has a sister in the School, and a second two sisters; a third has had two sisters, of whom one by purchase, and has a third in at the present time, while a fourth has a brother in the Boys' School. The father of one of the girl candidates was a Freemason for twenty-eight, of one of the boys twenty-seven, of another boy twenty-six years, and of another of the girls for twenty-four years, while in one case—a girl—the father died when he had been a member only three quarters of a year. As our readers are aware all votes obtained at a previous candidature are carried forward to the credit of the candidate at future elections. Thus one girl starts with 1,220 votes to the good, and there are two boys with 1,198 and 1,102 votes respectively to their credit. On the other hand, a girl who was a candidate in October last, has only seven votes to start with, while of the boys who have tried before, one has obtained eight votes as the result of three trials, and one three as the result of two trials. We need say little further. We can only express a hope that the most deserving cases will be chosen to fill the vacancies, and with the expression of that hope we must leave the result in the hands of the electors.

THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN UNION LODGE, No. 1, OHIO.

IT so seldom happens that we are in a position to present to our readers anything like a continuous history of the foundation and early career of a Masonic Lodge, that the following particulars, gleaned from various sources, cannot fail to prove interesting. We believe we have referred to sundry of them on a former occasion, but only in the way of passing comment. We now furnish them in the form of a connected history, and take the opportunity of acknowledging that it is to Bro. Corn. Moore's Centennial Sketch we are indebted for the major portion of the details. This Sketch appeared in the 1st Number of Vol. 49 of the *Masonic Review*, the last number indeed in which that distinguished Masonic writer figures as its Editor.

The period at which the American Union Lodge came into being was an eventful one. The struggle by the then British colonies of North America for Independence had commenced. The city of Boston was occupied by a British force, and an American army was encamped outside. A number of Freemasons serving with that portion of the

latter, known as the Connecticut Line,—because the troops composing it hailed from the province of Connecticut,—had obtained from Bro. Richard Gridley, Deputy Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, a warrant, authorising them to meet as a Lodge of Freemasons at Roxbury, Mass., by the style and title of American Union Lodge. This warrant, which bears date 15th February 1776,—according to the newly published *Early History and Transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York*, the date is the 13th,—is a somewhat curious document and is worth reproducing *in extenso*. It reads thus:—

“John Rowe, Grand Master, to Joel Clark, Esq., greeting:—

By virtue of authority invested in me, I hereby, reposing special trust and confidence in your knowledge and skill of the Ancient Craft, do appoint and constitute you, the said Joel Clark, Esq., Master of American Union Lodge, now erected in Roxbury, or wherever your Body shall remove on the Continent of America, provided it is where no Grand Master is appointed.

You are to promote in your Lodge the utmost harmony and brotherly love, and to keep up to the Constitutions for the reputation of the Craft. In your makings, you are to be very cautious of the moral character of such persons, and also of visitors, and such as desire to become members of your Lodge (such as were not made under it). You are to transmit to the Grand Lodge a fair account of the choice of your officers as well present as future. Any matters coming before your Lodge that cannot be adjusted, you are to appeal to and lay before the Grand Lodge for a decision. You are, as often as the Grand Lodge meets, to attend with your two Wardens. Of the time and place the Grand Lodge shall meet, you will have previous notice.

In order to support the Grand Lodge, your Lodge is to pay into the hands of the Grand Secretary, each quarterly night, the sum of twelve shillings, lawful money, all of which you will pay due regard to. The Commission to remain in full force and virtue until recalled by me or my successors in office.

Given under my hand, and the hands of the Grand Wardens (the seal of the Grand Lodge first affixed), this the 15th day of February, Anno Mundi 5776, of Salvation 1776.

RICHARD GRIDLEY D.G.M.
WILLIAM BURBECK S.G.W.
J.G.W.

Per Order of the Grand Master.

Recorded, Wm. Hoskins, Grand Secretary.

Bro. Moore is quite right in describing this as a “peculiar and unique document.” It is not very formal, yet it was sufficient for all purposes. Moreover, as the same Brother points out, it gave authority for the Lodge to meet and work *anywhere* “on the Continent of America, provided it is where no Grand Master is appointed.” Well, the Lodge held its first meeting under the above warrant, the very month in which it was granted, and commenced its labours; the original members, as quoted by our authority from the minutes being, “Col. Joel Clark, Col. John Park, Thomas Chase Esq., Ensign Jonathan Heart, Captain Joseph Hoit, Col. Samuel Holden Parsons, Captain Ezekiel Scott,—Whittlesey, and Cotton, Fellow Crafts, and Col. Samuel Wyllys, Entered Apprentice.” Shortly after this, that portion of the army with which the members of American Union Lodge were connected moved to the City of New York, and here, in the month of April of the same year, we find its officers and members applying to Bro. Dr. Peter Middleton, Deputy Grand Master of the Province of New York, to confirm this warrant. This, however, it seems, was not done, but a new warrant was granted, under the name of “Military Union, No. 1.” The following record of this transaction is from the Lodge minutes as quoted from the *Early History and Transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York*, already alluded to.

“April 23rd 1776.—‘At a Lodge or Meeting of the Brethren of the Antient or Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, held by Particular Permission of the Right Worshipful Bro. Middleton, Deputy Grand Master of all Masons in the Province of New York, Joel Clark in the chair, unanimously agreed that a petition be presented Bro. Middleton, Deputy Grand Master, to confirm the former warrant appointing Joel Clark Master, John Poole Senior Warden; Samuel Wylly Junior Warden; Samuel Parsons Treasurer; and Jonathan Heart Secretary of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons: and that Brother Parsons, Crane and the Secretary wait on the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and present the said petition.’”

The result we have already stated, and, under the authority of Dr. Middleton, the Lodge, as we gather, met at “Bro. Vandanham’s,” June 20th, when it was voted that Bro. Hull be invited “to deliver something agreeable to the occasion on St. John’s Day,” which was to be held on the 24th of the month, “at such place as the steward shall provide.” It was at the same time resolved, that the utensils, consisting of “aprons, glasses, candlesticks, Bible, &c.” purchased by American Union should be returned to the said Lodge, and considered as only being lent to the Military Union. Henceforward the Lodge met frequently,

till the 15th August, just prior to the battle of Long Island, shortly after which it is recorded that in the engagement which took place on the 27th August, R. W. Joel Clark, Elisha Hopkins, Ozias Bissell, Joseph Jewett, Nathaniel Gore, were taken prisoners. On the 13th September the Lodge was still further reduced, as Bro. James Chapman and Micajah Glesson were killed, William Cleaveland and John P. Wylly taken prisoners, while the latter misfortune likewise befel Bro. Otho H. Williams, who was taken prisoner at Fort Washington. This record in the minutes is “Signed: Jonathan Heart Secretary.” A meeting of the Lodge is recorded to have been held in March 1777, from which date till February 15th 1779, no further meetings were convened. On the latter date, the Connecticut line being quartered at Reading Conn., the Lodge was called together, and as Bro. Joel Clarke had meanwhile died in captivity, a new election of officers took place, with the following result:—Bro. Samuel Holden Parsons was chosen W.M., and Bros. Jonathan Heart and Elisha Marshall Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. The last meeting mentioned in the minute book in possession of the New York Grand Lodge, occurred on the 10th March following, but we have it on authority of Bro. Moore, that the Lodge met together at Widow Sandford’s, near Reading Old Meeting House, not only as above, on the 15th February, but also on the 24th of the same month, and likewise the 10th, 17th, 22nd, and 25th March. At the meeting on the 22nd, “it was determined that the members should dine together on the 25th, and that the Hon. Rufus Putnam, Mrs. Sanford, her daughter and niece, together with Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Heart, ‘with the brethren of the Ancient Society,’ be invited to dine with them.” From this time till the 7th May, the Lodge was in a state of great activity, and Bro. Moore tells us that on one of these festive occasions which marked the brief interval, among the music performed, the “Dead March” in Saul was followed by the “Country Jig.” On the 7th May, the Lodge “closed without date,” as the services of the Connecticut line were required elsewhere. On the 24th June in the same year, we read of it at “Nelson’s Point” on the Hudson, when a fresh election of officers took place, and Bro. Jonathan Heart was elected Master. “A procession was then formed, and proceeded to West Point, where, uniting with other brethren, all marched to ‘the Red House,’ where ‘George Washington and family’ joined them. Dr. Hitchcock delivered an address, dinner was served, and toasts and speeches followed. And now comes a scene worthy of special memory: George Washington wished to retire to his quarters across the river, when the Wardens and a ‘crowd of brethren’ attended him to his barge, the music playing ‘God Save America.’ On embarking, his departure was announced by three cheers from the shore, answered by three from the barge.” On the 26th July, the Lodge met at “Robinson House,” which Bro. Moore supposes to have been not far from West Point, and on this occasion the name of Colonel Rufus Putnam figures among those of the candidates for initiation. This distinguished brother was raised on the 9th September following, and remained identified with the Lodge to the very close of his life. In December of the same year, it was “at Morristown, New Jersey, celebrating the natal day of St. John the Evangelist. General Washington was again a visitor, and was present at the opening of the Lodge, Captain Heart presiding. At this meeting initial steps were taken, relating to the organisation of a Grand Lodge for the United States, a proposition which ultimately failed.”

In the summer of 1780 the Lodge was again on the Hudson, and held its meetings at “Robinson’s,” and as the regular election of officers had not been held, by reason of the movements of the army, a Lodge was held for that purpose on the 20th July, and Captain Heart was again chosen. “Thereafter, till 1782,” says Bro. Moore, “there seems to have been no time, place, or opportunity for the Lodge to meet.” But in the New York record already referred to, we find that it was at Newburgh from 1781 to 1783, and that during a portion of the time Col. John Parke was Master of “Military Union Lodge,” “from which,” says the compiler (Bro. John G. Barker P.G. Librarian) “we conclude that the Lodge continued under the authority of the old Provincial Grand Lodge of New York while in its territorial jurisdiction.” The roll of the Lodge was headed “Members of the Military Union and American Union Lodge.” Be this as it may, Bro. Moore, in continuing his sketch, says, that on the 25th March 1782 the Lodge was again on the Hudson, and convened at “Connec-

ticut Huts," wherever that was. Captain Heart was again elected Master. "The Lodge met frequently during the summer, and celebrated St. John the Baptist's Day, with Washington Lodge attached to the Massachusetts Line. In October of the same year it met at "Verplank's Point," in a Block House, and in March of 1783 it was again at West Point. Its last meeting while connected with the army was at the latter place, on 23rd April, when the following record is quoted by Bro. Moore, namely, "Bro. Rose, an Entered Apprentice, was proposed, balloted for, accepted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge closed, to stand closed until the W. Master should call them together." In this uncertain state as to the future of the Lodge, and having full authority to convene it when and where he might deem it best to do so, Captain Heart very properly retained the warrant in his own personal keeping. In the course of a few years, the first settlers in the North Western Territory landed at Marietta. This was on 7th April 1788. The company was under the lead of General Rufus Putnam, and among the Directors were the General and Bro. Samuel H. Parsons, both old members of the Lodge, while Captain Heart was in command of Fort Harmer, just across the river. Within a year one of the Directors, Bro. James Mitchell Varnum, a judge and revolutionary hero, died, and was buried by the brethren with full Masonic honours, this being the first Masonic act done in the new settlement. No long time elapsed, and the brethren began to think of reviving the Lodge whose Master was living so close at hand. Accordingly, on the 25th June 1729, a meeting was held, at which "Bros. Rufus Putnam, Benjamin Tupper, Griffin Green, Robert Oliver, Ezra Lunt, William Stacey, William Burnham, Anselm Tupper, Thomas Stanley, and Ebenezer Sprout, were present, and it was agreed to request Captain Heart to convene the Lodge, and resume labour. Captain Heart acceded to the request, and in his reply stated, "Being the present Master of the Lodge held under the authority of said warrant . . . and being the oldest Ancient Mason within the said territory, I have thought it proper, with the advice of Bro. Putnam, member, and Bro. Benjamin Tupper, Past Master, to grant the request contained in your petition, and will meet you in Campus Martius" (close by Marietta,) "on Monday, the 28th instant, at six o'clock p.m. for the purpose of forming you into a Lodge." In accordance with this arrangement the brethren assembled, there being present Jonathan Heart W.M., Benj. Tupper S.W., Rufus Putnam J.W., together with Bros. Thomas Stanley, William Burnham, Griffin Green, William Mills, Robert Oliver, and William Stacey. The old Warrant of American Union was produced and read. Several brethren applied to be elected as members, and were at once accepted. The Lodge then resumed its labours, and Bro. Rev. Daniel Story was raised to the third degree on the 8th December following. On the 27th of the month, St. John's Day was celebrated, when Rev. Bro. Storey preached a sermon to the brethren assembled. As some doubts appear to have existed as to the legality of the reorganisation, steps were promptly taken to dispel them, and letters were forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; from which the Warrant emanated, and also to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. In December, 1791, the Grand Master of Massachusetts wrote to say that his Grand Lodge applauded their views and pursuits, and was pleased with so "laudable an undertaking." He also acknowledged unreservedly the validity of the warrant, and pointed out that it must have force and operation "where you are until a Grand Lodge is formed in your Territory, when it will become your duty to surrender it, and obtain in its place a warrant from the Grand Lodge that may have the Government of Masonry in your State." He added, "I confirm your warrant as good and perfect, as you are where no Grand Lodge is established." The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania also replied, congratulating the Lodge on the resumption of its labours, "in the midst of the immense wilderness of this West, where but lately wild beasts and savage men were the only inhabitants, and where ignorance and ferocity contributed to deepen the gloom which has covered that part of the earth from the Creation. This ray of light, which has thus broken in upon the gloom and darkness of ages," we "consider as a presage that the time is fast approaching when the knowledge of Masonry will completely encircle the globe, and the most distant regions of the Western hemisphere rival those of the Eastern in Masonic splendour." The Grand Lodge of New York was similarly addressed, as those who have read our

reviews of its "Early History and Transactions," will doubtless remember. The letter, which will be found at p. 117, part III. of the History, is far too long to reproduce. It narrates the circumstances under which the Lodge was revived, and claims for itself, not only recognition as a regular Lodge, but also as being, when other Masonic Lodges are found necessary in the Western Territory, "the Masonic Body corporated within the Federal territories, and duly invested with every power necessary to constitute, rule, and govern the same, agreeable to the Constitutions, and ancient customs of the Royal Craft throughout the world." What was the nature of the answer ordered to be sent, we know not, but there is a certain significance in this passage, which will call for some remark by-and-by. The letter to Grand Lodge N.Y. was dated "Marietta, May 5th, 5791," and signed "by Benjamin Tupper, S.W.," and "Rufus Putnam J.W." on behalf of the Lodge.

The Lodge pursued its labours uninterruptedly and successfully, and Bro. Moore enumerates, with a pride which is very natural, the work accomplished by its members. These, he says, "were among the first settlers in this then vast wilderness; they organised the first civil government here, provided for the first school, held the first courts, commanded the first troops, made the first treaty with the Indians, aided in organising the first church, and one of its members preached the first sermon." Some years later, the hall in which it met was destroyed by fire, together with the old warrants and records, but a duplicate of the former was obtained, and the Lodge continued working with renewed vigour, some of the most distinguished Ohians, such as Putnam, Cass, Nye, Meigs, Heart, Cushing, &c., being on its roll of members. In January 1808, a Convention was held at Chillicothe, for the purpose of forming a Grand Lodge, and "American Union, No. 1," was represented by "Robert Oliver, Ichabod Nye, and William Skinner." A Grand Lodge was organised, and Bro. Rufus Putnam, though absent, was elected First Grand Master of Masons in Ohio. He was not, however, installed, and the Deputy, Thomas Henderson, of Cincinnati, "performed the duties of the office during the year." At the next session of the Lodge in January 1809 a letter was read from General Putnam, declining re-election, on account of age and infirmities. Bro. Moore quotes from it the following passage:—"My sun is far past the meridian; it is almost set; a few sands only remain in my glass. I am unable to undergo the necessary labours of that high and important office—unable to make you a visit at this time, without a sacrifice and hazard of health which prudence forbids."

For some years the Lodge continued working, but declined to accept a charter from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and was not again represented in that body until the session of Chillicothe in January 1816. Bro. Moore speaks of this abstention as arising "from some cause not clearly known, and not necessary now, after the lapse of more than half a century, to inquire into." We recognise the wisdom of the latter portion of the remark. We fancy, however, we trace the reason to the claim advanced in the letter to the Grand Lodge of New York, written on 5th May 5791, when the venerable Putnam was Junior Warden. We have pointedly alluded to this above, and will repeat a portion of the excerpt in which the claim is set forth. The Lodge therein considered itself to be the Masonic Body "duly invested with every power necessary to constitute, rule, and govern the same." In other words, American Union, No. 1, claimed to be the future Grand Lodge of the Western Territory, and very probably resented the idea of being reduced to a common level with the other Lodges subsequently established. This is merely a theory of ours, which must be taken for what it is worth, but we think our readers will admit that it has some basis of probability to rest upon. However, in January 1816, the Lodge accepted a new warrant from the Ohian Grand Lodge, and has gone on more or less prosperously ever since. In 1790, it was the one and only Lodge of Freemasons existing in the vast territory of the West. Now it heads a roll of over five hundred Lodges, all acknowledging obedience to the Grand Lodge of one of the proudest and richest states in that "American Union," whose name it has borne so worthily for a little over a century. All honour to this fine old Lodge, whose warrant was granted some months before the declaration of American Independence, and on whose list of members occur such names as Joel Clarke first W.M., Parsons, Wyllys—

one of the original members, made prisoner by the British on Long Island,—Putnam initiated 1771, and deceased 1824, and Heart slain in battle with the Indians in 1791, in the unfortunate St. Clair expedition. May its future career be as prosperous, and may its members always be worthy of its distinguished founders!

BRO. HEATH'S CANDIDATURE FOR THE GRAND SECRETARYSHIP, SCOTLAND.

BUT few, if any, of our readers who have carefully studied Bro. Heath's letter, which appeared last week in these columns, will deny that he has a grievance. He has stated his case fairly and dispassionately. He vouches for the accuracy of his statements. Let the Committee of Grand Lodge, or whom it may most particularly concern, adduce, if possible, rebutting evidence, and we venture to say Bro. Heath is not the man we take him to be if he does not at once, and without *arrière pensée*, withdraw that portion of his letter which places certain officials of Grand Lodge, Scotland, in so ridiculous a light.

The case, as stated by him, is very simple. The office of Grand Secretary was declared vacant in Grand Lodge on 5th February, and it was, he suggests, pretty generally believed that only a Scotchman would be considered eligible to fill it. But an advertisement was inserted in the London *Times* of the 3rd ult., inviting applications from *efficient members of the Craft*, "such application, with testimonials to be lodged at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, not later than Saturday, 10th March." Under these circumstances Bro. Heath considered himself at liberty to enter the field. He procured several of the highest testimonials which a brother could have procured, and lodged them, with his formal application, as desired, on the 10th ult., for which purpose, acting on the advice of his friends, he visited Edinburgh in person. On his arrival, however, he found "the appointment was really a foregone conclusion, and *had been so for some weeks*"—the italics are our own—and he argues very justly that the Committee had no right to have inserted a meaningless advertisement in a leading London journal, when they knew the choice of the electors had been already made, virtually, if not formally. Bro. Heath puts the matter in a worse light still by his statement, "that even the greater number of the brethren constituting the Grand Committee had actually pledged themselves to one or other of those candidates, even before waiting to ascertain the result of the advertisement they themselves had sanctioned." As the case stands, and it will require some very convincing evidence to upset it, Bro. Heath has placed the Grand Committee on the horns of a dilemma. If—and we do not for one moment presume to suggest otherwise—they issued the advertisement *bonâ fide*, they of all men had no business to pledge themselves until they had ascertained its result. Or, if their minds were already made up in favour of this or that candidate, they should have issued no advertisement whatever; or so penned it that no man of ordinary common sense could possibly have mistaken it for anything but a mere form of procedure, which the authorities were bound to observe, but which would have not the slightest influence on the result of the election.

As regards this portion of his letter, we consider Bro. Heath has a right to complain of the Grand Committee, unless they can disturb his statements, which he tells us are statements of *facts*. But we cannot say we think he has any reason to be surprised at their conduct. In the singleness of his heart, he appears to have regarded the matter strictly from a Masonic point of view. He considered the invitation of brethren to brethren had some meaning attached to it, or it would never have been issued. On the other hand, the Committee appear to have considered the invitation they issued was either a joke or a mere matter of form, which it was their duty to observe, but which no one would ever dream of taking seriously. We shall be curious to learn what, if any, answer the Grand Committee can make to Bro. Heath's statements.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION.)

ON Wednesday Sir George Elliot, M.P., who had been appointed by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to be the Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, was duly installed into that high office at a Provincial Grand Lodge held at Aberdare.

That the office thus conferred upon Sir George Elliot is esteemed of great honour, is to be seen from the names of the other Provincial Grand Masters at the present time, these including Prince Leopold (Oxfordshire), the Earl of Carnarvon (Somersetshire), Lord Hartington, M.P. (Derbyshire), the Earl of Mount Edgcombe (Cornwall), Lord de Tabley (Cheshire), the Duke of St. Albans (Lincolnshire), the Earl of Limerick (Bristol), Lord Skelmersdale (Western Division Lancashire), Viscount Holmesdale, M.P. (Kent), the Earl of Ferrers (Leicester and Rutland), Lord Suffield (Norfolk), the Duke of Manchester (Huntingdonshire), Earl Percy, M.P. (Northumberland), the Duke of Newcastle (Nottinghamshire), the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot (Staffordshire), Lord Pelham, M.P. (Sussex), Lord Leigh (Warwickshire), Lord Methuen (Wilts), the Earl of Zetland (North and East Riding of Yorkshire), the Earl of Bective (Cumberland and Westmoreland), Lord Waveney (Suffolk), Lord Sherborne (Gloucestershire), Sir D. Gooch, M.P., Mr. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Mr. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Sir W. W. Wynn, M.P., Colonel Burdett, Sir H. Edwards, General Brownrigg, Colonel E. C. Malet de Carteret, &c. Though the Grand Master's position is yearly an elective one, that of Provincial Grand Master is an appointment by the Grand Master under Letters Patent, and is bestowed upon those members of the Craft who have distinguished themselves in "Craft Masonry," and are connected with the Provinces. Sir George Elliot is a Past Master of the Bard of Avon Lodge, held in Middlesex; was Deputy Grand Master of Middlesex, and is a member of St. David's Lodge, held in Aberdare—a Lodge which, with his aid and the aid of his relative, Mr. J. C. Parkinson, has been raised to a high position. Sir George is connected with the industrial enterprise of this part of Wales, and his accession to this dignity was hailed with pleasure by all. There were great numbers of visitors from all parts of the country, especially from the neighbouring Province of Monmouth. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Temperance Hall, which had been specially prepared for the occasion. The Grand Registrar of England, Brother Æneas M'Intyre, Q.C., was the acting Grand Master, and was assisted by Brother J. C. Parkinson, Past Grand Deacon of England, Past Deputy Grand Master of Middlesex, and Brother Thomas Fenn, Past Grand Deacon of England, Colonel Burdett, Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, and Bro. John Monckton (Town Clerk of London), President of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge of England. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the Letters Patent conferring his high rank having been read, the Acting Provincial Grand Master appointed a deputation to meet the Provincial Grand Master elect, who was then brought into the Lodge amid great cheering. Having given the usual solemn pledges to uphold the rights of the brethren of the Province, and to discharge the duties of the office, Sir George was regularly installed and invested, and was greeted in the customary form by the large assembly. The newly-installed Grand Master of the Province then nominated his officers, as follows:—Bros. J. Jones Hewson Prov. G. Reg., J. E. Price Prov. S.G.W., J. Rogers Prov. J.G.W., F. G. Glass Prov. S.G.D., D. Hopkins Prov. J.G.D., J. Jones Prov. G. Treas., the Vicar of Aberdare Prov. G. Chap., W. P. Garrett Prov. G.D. of Cers., George Butterwell Prov. G. Tyler, J. R. Robinson Prov. G.S. of Works, R. Webb Prov. G. Sword B., G. H. Webb Prov. G. Pnrs. The officers having been greeted in form, the usual congratulations were offered, and Sir George, assisted by his officers, duly closed his Lodge. The visitors then proceeded to the Market Hall, where a banquet was spread, and the usual speeches customary on the occasion were made. Bro. J. C. Parkinson, as Past Master of the St. David's Lodge, whose members had made all the arrangements of the day, gave the visitors cordial welcome, and in the course of his speech touched upon the principles of the Craft as known to Englishmen in its symbolical teachings of the highest principles of pure religion, and its requirement in its members of a strict observance of the laws and a ready obedience to the rulers in the land. Hence, he said, Freemasonry in England was a bulwark and a support to the institutions of the nation. The gathering was entirely successful, and the town in the evening was in gala array.—*Times*.

We gather the following additional particulars from the *South Wales Daily News*:—Sir George Elliot was born at Gateshead, and through life has been associated closely with the coal trade of Durham. Without following the details of his first years, we may safely assume that Sir George Elliot firmly established a determination in early life to "dare and do." By indomitable perseverance, he beat down the barriers to fame and fortune, and by a sure and rapid process eventually developed into one of the leading men of the county of Durham. As one of the members of that county he is now, and has been for many years, returned to Parliament in the Conservative interest, where his conduct has earned for him universal respect. It is only necessary to observe further that Sir George Elliot is a magistrate and deputy-lieutenant, not only for Durham, but for the county of Glamorgan; he is a member of the St. David's Lodge, Aberdare, and has been well known in the eastern division from his connection with the Powell's Duffryn Coal Company, the Alexandra Docks, Newport, and other local commercial undertakings. Sir George was initiated as a Mason many years ago in the city of Durham, where his constant activity in Masonic matters made him an esteemed and conspicuous member of the district Lodges of the north. With all Sir George's strong will for good work, his efforts might not perhaps have been so successful, but for the happy promptings and guidance of his son-in-law, Bro. J. C. Parkinson. Some years since, when the Freemasons of Stratford-on-Avon resolved upon resigning the warrant of the Bard of Avon Lodge, Bro. J. C. Parkinson P.G.D. Engd. P.D. Prov. G.M. Middlesex, applied that, in lieu of the warrant being surrendered, it should be transferred to the Province of Middlesex, which was subsequently effected, and he was appointed as its first Master. Sir George Elliot at that time occupied the position of Senior Warden, but was soon installed as W.M. Almost simultaneously, we believe, Bro. Parkinson, Sir G. Elliot, and Lord Limerick founded the Bard of Avon Chapter. Sir George is a staunch supporter of our charities, being vice-patron of the three institutions. Sir George took a prominent part in the ceremony, which took place

three years ago, at Stratford-on-Avon, to commemorate the erection of a marble tablet in the church of the Holy Trinity, which notified that an adjacent stained glass window, opposite Shakespeare's effigy, was presented to the church by the Bard of Avon Lodge. The day passed off with considerable *eclat*, Lord Leigh having opened, at Stratford Town-hall, a special Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire, from which a deputation was formed to receive Sir George Elliot, as W.M. of the Bard of Avon Lodge, Bro. McIntyre Q.C., and several brethren of eminence, who arrived from London to participate on the occasion. At the close of the proceedings a banquet was given under the presidency of Sir George, who, in eloquent speeches, afforded ample evidence of his knowledge and deep appreciation of those sacred lines upon which faithful Masons ever work. The hon. baronet was elected Dep. Prov. G.M. of Middlesex upon the resignation of Bro. Parkinson. In addition to his labours in Craft Masonry, he has filled position in the ancient and accepted Rite, and in the religious and military Order of the Temple, he being a Past Preceptor of the Bard of Avon Preceptory, of which he was one of the founders; as also the Bard of Avon Rose Croix Chapter, wherein he is P.M.W.S. Sir George's retirement from the Bard of Avon Lodge was not allowed to pass without a substantial acknowledgment of his labours, and accordingly the noted Wyon of London, was commissioned to design a handsome and appropriate gold medal, which was presented to him. Sir George's charitable acts are not blazoned abroad, but they are well-known to those who are familiar with his Masonic movements.

After the closing of the Lodge, the brethren proceeded to St. Elvan's Church, where the service was carried out by the Vicar of Aberdare, who selected as his text Ezra iii. 13, "The people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping." At the close of the sermon a collection was made on behalf of the local Charities. At the banquet, Sir George Elliot, who presided, was supported by Bro. J. C. Parkinson on his right, and Bro. A. McIntyre on his left. After the regular loyal toasts had been disposed of, that of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers was given, coupled with the name of Bro. Monckton, who said he esteemed it a distinguished honour to reply to the toast. It was a pleasure to represent one's highly esteemed colleagues—officers of the Grand Lodge—even for a few moments. In their names he begged cordially and briefly to respond to the kind remarks of the Provincial Grand Master. But he was compelled to allude to a further and greater pleasure; he alluded to the privilege of being present in the eastern division of South Wales on this most interesting and most auspicious occasion. There were many present older in Masonry than himself, and although his connection dated many years back, he could not remember having attended a meeting which had given him greater Masonic pleasure and satisfaction than that of to-day. They who had come from the metropolis had been more and more astonished as the day had gone on, and he would tell them frankly that when he was invited to be present at this installation, he thought he was coming to a new country place called Aberdare, and that they would have to get on as best they could. He had no conception he was going to see such splendid and business-like preparations as he had witnessed in the two buildings that day. When he heard it whispered that a great deal of the good taste displayed was to be attributed to a young Mason, and a member of the youngest Lodge in the Province, he affirmed that there must be a great deal in Masonry that could evoke such enthusiasm from a young brother; but that good taste of the young brother would have gone for little without kindly fraternal hands to assist. (Cheers.) It would have been most ungracious to come and enjoy the hospitality and Masonic pleasures of the day if he failed in the names of those afar off to acknowledge the manner in which they had received the toast of the Grand Officers. He wished, in conclusion, prosperity to all present. (Cheers.)

Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., had much pleasure in proposing the "Health of the Right Worshipful Prov. G.M." wishing him long life and continued prosperity, and a desire to see him as he was now—surrounded by his neighbours and brethren, and that he would always be supported by them. (Cheers.) In the presence of Sir George, one could not say so much as if he was absent. They saw him now, had known him, and would know more of him. He was a brother whose hand would be open with that generosity which characterised faithful Masons, and whose kindly feeling would animate every Lodge and every brother in the Province. The Prov. G.M., in response, remarked that the brethren must have very strong sympathy with him in the very embarrassed position in which he now felt himself, especially after the very handsome manner in which his esteemed brother had proposed, and in which they had received, his health. He felt that it was very well for him. He did not prepare any speech, for, had he done so, he believed he would have forgotten every word. (Laughter.) The few observations, therefore, that he proposed to make would be spoken from the impulses of his own heart. (Cheers.) He had no reservation in his feelings, but he was almost overwhelmed by the sentiments expressed by his brother in proposing the toast, and by the kindness evinced towards him by the brethren in the Province in supporting his nomination to the Provincial Grand Master of England. He felt that it was an undeserved compliment that had been paid to him. (Cries of "No, no.") He could only say that he had to record his most sincere thanks for their kindness. He almost felt that there must have been some secret in his life which he had not discovered—that there was something about himself which he had not been able to discern, that had brought about such a good result. He supported fully the great principles which were embodied in the system of Freemasonry, and when he looked at it from every point of view it always impressed him that their system more than any other was one which it was his duty to uphold. (Applause.) There was a secrecy in connection with the noble Order which the outside world knew nothing of. If it were possible that the outside world could be made acquainted with it, he believed that not merely would their principle be more largely appreciated, but there would be a great accession to their body of members. If they looked at it in any of these views it

would be seen by their acts of love, always accompanied by and combined with a most excellent religious feeling and dogma, that there was no possibility, as long as Freemasonry was upheld and proclaimed, the country would be given over to idolatry. (Cheers.) In speaking as he had done, he had spoken from his heart. He had been somewhat exercised in mind as to whom he should appoint as his deputy, but he refrained from making that appointment on this occasion. Many had worked well and done much in securing such gratifying results as they that day witnessed. If he could be in his way a medium to promote the good of the noble Order, if he were supported by the brethren as he believed he should be, he should feel most happy to do everything that lay in his power. He assured them that he would lend his aid to establish the solidity, the vitality, and enduring usefulness of Masonry in the Province.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson proposed the health of the Visitors, and coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Colonel Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex, S. G. Homfray D.P.G.M. Monmouth, and Fenn P.G.D. The Provincial Grand Officers were responded to by Bros. McIntyre, Col. Burdett, S. George Homfray and Fenn. All these distinguished brethren alluded in the highest terms to the splendid arrangements made by the Lodges for the installation, and expressed their high pleasure at the testimony they had received on the occasion of the zeal and earnestness with which Freemasonry was supported in the Province. The concluding toasts were The Masonic Charities and The Lodges of the Province. Suitable addresses were delivered in connection with these toasts, and heartily responded to. The interesting proceedings were shortly afterwards brought to a close. We may mention that the decorations, which were universally admired, were completed under the superintendence of Bro. Penn, and that the banquet was supplied by A. Jones, of the Black Lion Hotel.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS, &c.

The Holy Palestine Preceptory met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Wednesday, 4th April, at 5.30. E. Sir Knt. John Boyd, as Preceptor. Among those present were—Sir Knts. H. C. Levander, C. Hammerton, Rev. P. M. Holden, R. W. Little, Cubitt, Herbert Dicketts, T. H. Edmands, J. L. Thomas, E. Campion, &c.; also as Visitors E. Sir Knts. W. Hyde Pullen, Dr. W. H. Ramsay P.E.P. Faith and Fidelity, Captain W. Portlock Dadson R.B.G., P.E.P. Kemeys Tynte, and the Rev. F. Kill Harford, M.A. E.P. Holy Sanctuary. Companion E. Campion was installed as a Knight Templar by Sir Knt. Pullen, and E. Sir Knt. H. C. Levander, M.A. was installed as Preceptor for the ensuing year, and appointed his officers. A donation of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of the Grand Sub-Prior, Major Shadwell H. Clerke R.B.G., at the festival.

The Grand Metropolitan Chapter, Rose Croix, will meet at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Wednesday, 11th April, at 4.45 p.m., for the perfection of candidates. Ill. Bro. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, 30°, M.W. Sov.

The Antient York Chapter of Redemption, Rose Croix, met at the Masonic Hall, Hull, on Thursday, 5th April, at half-past 7, for the perfection of candidates. Ill. Bro. Walter Reynolds, 30°, M.W. Sov.

The Victoria Chapter, Rose Croix, will meet at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Monday, 9th April, at 8 p.m., for the perfection of candidates, the installation of Ill. Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, M.A., 30°, as M.W. Sov., and the appointment of officers for the ensuing year. Ex. Bro. W. P. Mills, M.D., M.W. Sov.

The Vigne Chapter, Rose Croix, met at the Pembroke Hotel, Bournemouth, on Wednesday, 4th April, at 6 p.m., for the perfection of candidates and election of the M.W. Sov. for the ensuing year. Ex. Bro. S. G. Kirchhoffer, 18°, M.W. Sov.

The *Portsmouth Times* of the 3rd inst., announces that it is currently stated Lord Pelham has ceased to act as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, and that Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, M.P. of Ockenden, Cuckfield, has been appointed P.G.M.

We are given to understand that a new Lodge (the Sampson No. 1668,) will be consecrated at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 18th April, by Bro. A. B. Loewenstark. The first Master and Wardens named in the Warrant are as follows:—Marcus D. Loewenstark W.M., Joseph D. Burnett S.W., W.H. G. D. Rudderforth J.W. The brethren will be summoned to assemble at 3.30 p.m.

The Committee of the London Masonic Club, No. 101 Queen Victoria-street, have issued invitations to a banquet on Thursday, April 12th, to entertain the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Thomas White, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hadley, and Bro. Sheriff East.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Manchester Lodge of Instruction, No. 179, this day, at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 7 o'clock. Bro. C. Koester, P.M. 435, Preceptor.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE COMMEMORATIVE LIFEBOATS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Your correspondent, "A South Devon P.M.," in his letter on the above subject, says that "Lucretius" had stated "that Dartmouth was the only spot between Torbay and Plymouth where a lifeboat, to be of any use, should be placed." I am sure that gentleman will permit me to say that I did not examine or speak of the coast below Salcombe. I was most solicitous about the district, of which I consider Dartmouth the centre, because of the distressing shipwrecks which are constantly taking place there, and I hope that the lifeboat, which I find has already been built and paid for, will soon be placed on the pontoon which is to be erected for her reception. I may say that I have heard Hope Cove spoken favourably of; but, personally, I know nothing of its eligibility for a lifeboat station. There is much to approve in the other remarks of "A South Devon P.M.," and if I might take the liberty, I would point out to him the desirability of placing lifeboats at Scilly, where in ten years 415 persons were drowned, and property to the extent of one million pounds sterling was lost. I have brought these facts prominently before some of the leading men of this kingdom, and I shall be gratified by your allowing me to do so in your own excellent journal. I should like to see my countrymen act more upon well ascertained principles, and less upon impulse, so that provision should be made before catastrophes occur in order to lessen the mournful consequences which too often follow. Perhaps you will allow me to add, that among the designs which have been submitted to me for the saving of life on these terribly destructive coasts is that of a telegraph buoy, invented by Mr. Festing of the Control Office, and which I have submitted to the consideration of the Board of Trade.

Faithfully yours,

LUCRETIVS.

Tregiskey House, Cornwall, 3rd April 1877.

CRAFT MASONRY AND THE HIGH GRADES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reference to the seal which I described, and concerning which "P. T. T." wrote last week, I may say that my reasons for calling it "official" are, that it is far too massive and clumsy to have ever been intended for a "trinket" or even for private use. You will see, from the impression I sent you, what are the dimensions of the face. The handle is of hard wood, ending in a large knob about three inches in diameter.

I quite agree with your correspondent, that there is nothing surprising in the combination of emblems, and only sent you a description of the seal because I regarded it as a link in that very strong chain of evidence which exists that, until the revival of 1717, Freemasonry was essentially Christian in its teachings, and that it was not until some years after that date that the "universality" doctrine, which we now regard as the essence of the thing, was accepted throughout this country.

Yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD, 18.

York, 2nd April.

THE JEWISH QUESTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Dear Sir and Brother,—It hardly appears to me to be worth while discussing the question whether a few years since a particular candidate professing Christianity was or was not refused admission into one of our so-called Jewish Lodges. The fact is pretty generally known throughout the Craft, that both now and in years gone by, these Lodges have always been included Jews and Christians among their members, though the former were superior numerically. The issue which the Montefiore and Joppa Lodges have raised is an important one, and, as you have pointed out, involves a question of principle, the importance of which cannot be exaggerated. What I hope, is, that the Lodges, be they so-called Jewish or not, which have initiated the present movement, will persevere until their object is attained. This, as far as my judgment goes, I take to be either that our Grand Lodge shall successfully press the recognition of the admissibility of Jews into Freemasonry upon the Berlin Grand Lodge or Lodges which now reject it, or as you have suggested, abstain from further official intercourse with it or them, till recognition is accorded. They have thus far obtained a fair measure of success; let them work with all the greater diligence, and I feel certain they will carry their point.

Yours fraternally,

T. P. C.

MASONS OF MANY DEGREES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your extract under the above heading from the *Voice of Masonry*, has appeared very opportunely. I feel quite sure that unprejudiced brethren of experience in this country will admit that a large proportion of working Craft Masons are also working members of the higher degrees. Occasionally, it is true, one hears disparaging remarks made with regard to the high grades, but these always come, as might be anticipated, from brethren who have not taken those degrees, and who therefore speak "foolishly." The fact is, the study of Masonry is so thoroughly absorbing to those who take it up in a right spirit that few who once enter upon it are content (unless prevented by religious disabilities or opinions) to remain ignorant of any Masonic teachings or curiosities of ritual which come within their reach. Depend upon it your Mason who sneers at what he does not comprehend, and who declines to be enlightened, is a Mason in name only.

I am, yours fraternally,

T. B. W.

QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A few months back a candidate presented himself at Lodge Victoria in Burmah, No. 832, for initiation, a foreigner, when it was discovered by brethren that his knowledge of English was so limited that he barely understood his O.B. It was discovered further that he could not read nor write any language. It was again discovered that in the Tyler's book a brother had signed for the initiate "his x mark. Witnessed by — Tyler!!!" And, to cap all, that the application and declaration had been signed by the candidate's wife!!!

The District Grand Secretary reported the whole matter to the Deputy District Grand Master. An inquiry was held by the District Grand Lodge Committee, and a report submitted to the District Grand Lodge. A warm discussion ensued, technical objections being raised regarding the powers and procedure of the District Grand Lodge Committee and the District Grand Lodge. The compromise arrived at, which you have noticed in your paper of the 20th January, was that the initiate should satisfy the Deputy District Grand Master of his qualifications before he was advanced to a higher degree, and on the 12th September it is declared that the candidate having satisfied the Deputy District Grand Master that he was able to read and write, permission was granted to confer the second and third degrees. Meanwhile the candidate has learned to sign his name.

Can the Deputy District Grand Master or the District Grand Lodge condone such conduct on the part of a private Lodge? What is the punishment to be meted out to the private Lodge, its Master and Wardens, for its and their neglect? What precedent can be cited for or against the Lodge?

Yours fraternally,

A BURMAH MASON.

Rangoon, 3rd March 1877.

APPROACHING ELECTION FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—It seems to me to be very desirable in our election of boys for admission into the Royal Masonic Institution that a rule should be adopted by the Committee, if the proposal should meet with their approbation, that an orphan boy, a son of a deceased Freemason, who has been unsuccessful in his application seven times, and has not yet attained to the age of exclusion, should be received on the foundation without further election. Such an act of grace would be welcomed by the Craft throughout the country, and be rewarded by additional support to the funds. There is such a case now standing on the list of candidates, viz., that of George Samuel Cox. What is the widowed mother with her four orphan children to do, under the oppressive circumstances of struggling with poverty? Masonry expects and professes something more than "Be ye warmed, and be ye clothed." This case I know to be a deplorable one, and will not the Craft assist?

I remain, Sir, very faithfully yours,

DANIEL ACE, D.D.,

P.M. 1232, and P.G.C. for Lincolnshire.

Laughton Vicarage, near Gainsborough, 4th April 1877.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—May I ask you kindly to insert this letter in your next issue. I wish to plead for the little boy George Samuel Cox, the first on the list of applicants for admission into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. It is his 7th application, and he can only stand one more election. He is the son of the late Bro. James Cox, who was initiated into Freemasonry in 1862, and who was successively W.M. and, until the time of his death, Secretary of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 165, Plymouth. Our brother Cox was for eleven years master of the Stonehouse workhouse, and, on his retirement in order to take a better position, he was presented with a handsome testimonial. He then became master of the Model Workhouse, Devonport. Since his death, his widow has been supporting herself

and her five small children by taking a situation as a national school-mistress at Stanstead, in Suffolk; she is a most respectable and deserving person, has managed to apprentice one son, and is now most anxious to get this child elected to the Boys' School. But in the six elections, he has only polled 383 votes. The case is known to, and recommended by the M.W. Pro Grand Master Lord Carnarvon, R.W.'s the Lord Waveney P.G.M. Suffolk, the Rev. J. Hayshe P.G.M. Devon, W. W. Beach Esq. M.P. P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. D.P.G. Suffolk, L. P. Memtham Esq. P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Devon, Rev. Dr. Ace P. Prov. G.C. Lincolnshire, J. Foster P. Prov. S.G.W. Lincolnshire, Jew, Stonehouse, Plymouth; Bros. the Rev. G. R. Portal P.G.M. Mark Masters, R. R. Rodd Esq. P.P.G.R. Devon, and many other brethren. I shall be happy to receive proxies and to give any further information that may be required, and I hope I shall not appeal in vain for help to the Craft.

I have the honour to be, yours fraternally,

CHARLES J. MARTYN P.G.C. D.P.G.M. Suffolk,
Vice Patron of the Institution.

Melford Rectory, Suffolk, 4th April 1877.

THE DRAMA.

Easter Novelties.—The Olympic.—Prince of Wales's.—Gaiety.

NOVELTY this season is conspicuous by its absence, at least in the dramatic world. The "new and original" drama by Mr. Charles Reade, produced under the title of *The Scuttled Ship*, at the OLYMPIC, can hardly be said to be either the one or the other. Under the title of *Foul Play*, the incidents employed in this production were some years since used by the author in a novel—which was fairly successful—and by Mr. Boucicault in a drama, which was, if we remember rightly, a failure. The present play differs from its predecessor in many respects, not the least of which is its inordinate length. A drama, in six acts, which takes four hours and a half in representation, is surely little short of an anachronism in these days. Yet, although neither new nor original, and too long by at least a third, the play is both interesting and dramatic in a high degree. Mr. Neville as Michael Penfold, and Miss Pateman as Helen Rolleston, appear to great advantage in these important parts, and the other characters are not inadequately represented.

THE PRINCE OF WALES's re-opened with an entirely new programme on Saturday last, but of the two pieces presented, one, *London Assurance*, is familiar to most playgoers, and has been performed at most theatres; whilst the other, under the title of *The Vicarage*, hides the well-remembered features of *The Cosy Couple*, a farce originally played, we believe, by Mr. Charles Mathews, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matthews. The comedy is less successful than might have been expected interpreted as it is by the full strength of Mrs. Bancroft's excellent company. Neither Miss Madge Robertson as Lady Gay Spanker, nor Mr. Bancroft as Dazzle are as effective as we have been accustomed to see then in other roles. Mrs. Bancroft, as Pert, is, of course, all that could be wished, and not even Mrs. Keeley, in her best day's, could have rendered the part better. As Grace Harkaway, that somewhat over-rated actress, Miss Carlotta Addison was of a commonplace order of excellence, whilst Mr. Kendal as Charles Courtley, and Mr. Sugden as Carl, were fairly successful. *The Vicarage* is capably played throughout by Mr. Arthur Cecil, Mrs. Bancroft and Mr. Kendal.

The Babes in the Wood; or, *the Orphans Released*, by Mr. Burnand, is the holiday production at the GAIETY, and is both a humorous piece in itself, and capably acted by Mr. Hollingshead's company. Mr. Toole and Miss Farren as the two "babes," assisted by Mr. Royce, Miss Emily Muir, and Miss Kate Vaughan, trip merrily through their parts, and the general hilarity of the audience testifies to the success of their endeavours. This (Saturday) evening, sees a new programme at the HAYMARKET, consisting of a new Robertsonian comedy, entitled *Fame*, by C. M. Rae, a comedietta called *A Fair Encounter*, by the same author, and that capital farce, *Tom Noddy's Secret*, which has not been performed on the London stage for some years past.

ELIGIBLE FOR THE APRIL (1877) ELECTION ONLY

To the Vice-Presidents, Governors, & Subscribers to the

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The favour of your VOTES and INTEREST is respectfully and most earnestly solicited on behalf of

MARIA GERTRUDE GODDIN,

AGED 10 YEARS,

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By Bro. H. G. Warren—

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By Bro. F. W. H. Ramsay, M.D.—

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By Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., V.P.—

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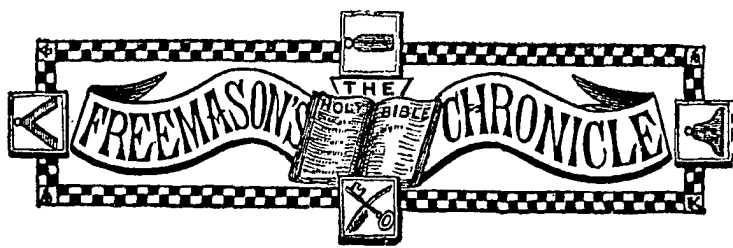
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen, with the Princess Beatrice and Prince Leopold, is spending Easter at Osborne. On Wednesday, the Princess of Wales left London en route for Athens, in order to visit her brother, King George, and the Queen of Greece. The journey was via Paris and Brindisi, at which latter place it is expected she will arrive this day. Here the Royal yacht Osborne will be in readiness to convey her to Athens, where it is expected she will make a stay for some little time. Meanwhile, the Prince of Wales's health is steadily improving, and we trust he will soon be able to set out upon his projected trip to the Mediterranean. The Duke of Cambridge has returned to town from Portsmouth, whither he had gone for the benefit of his health.

On Tuesday he visited the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House.

As regards weather, the holiday folk have fared better than might have been anticipated. Both Good Friday and the Bank Holiday were fine; consequently the various places of amusement in and near London were pretty well thronged with visitors, while not a few ventured on an excursion to this or that favourite sea-side resort. As usual, the Cumberland and Westmoreland Wrestling Society held its annual fête at Lillie Bridge on Good Friday. The entries for the several contests were numerous, and the large assemblage of spectators which had gathered in this popular resort of athleticism were highly gratified with the sport. The prize for London men, not exceeding eleven stone, was won by Atkinson. There were fifty-three entries for the All-comers' Prize, same weight, and in the final rounds, two out of three, R. Pooley threw W. Matthews the first and third, while the latter won the intermediate. For the Championship Prize, open to all weights, the entries were more numerous still. After a good display of strength and skill, G. Steadman was proclaimed the winner. The wrestling was followed by pole-leaping, which excited a considerable amount of interest, and a Quarter Mile Handicap. W. Barrow, of Keswick, won the first prize in the former with a leap of 10 ft., but the second prize was divided among W. Robson, T. Atkinson, and J. Scott, who severally cleared 9 ft. 3 in. The handicap was won by W. Arthur in 48 sec. On Monday, throngs of sight-seers were to be seen in all parts of London, in the neighbourhood of those resorts where sight-seers most do congregate. The Enfield Steeplechases was one of the principal attractions, and, of course, drew a large concourse of spectators. The Crystal Palace, which is always known to provide plenty of amusement on our public holidays, was nearly as well filled as it was last year, the number of visitors being about 58,000, against 60,000 in 1876. The attraction at the Royal Albert Hall was a Grand Miscellaneous Concert, in aid of the Cheesemongers' Benevolent Institution. Madame Lemmens-Sherrington, Madame Patey, Mr. Vernon Rigby, and Signor Foli were among the principal artistes engaged for the occasion. Nor was the Royal Aquarium, Westminster, behindhand in its endeavours to attract visitors. There were two performances in the theatre, and two concerts in the main hall, besides a variety of other entertainments. The Zoological Gardens, the Polytechnic, and the British Museum were among the most popular of the places which offer instructive entertainment. In the evening the theatres were well attended, so that, on the whole, people must have been very hard indeed to please if they were unable to spend their holidays agreeably.

The revival of the Easter Monday Review, which was held this year at Dunstable, appears to have given general satisfaction. At all events over 13,000 men appeared on the field, the arrangements having been under the direct supervision of the War Office, while the railways were able to despatch the men promptly, so that little, if any, delay occurred on the journey either going or returning. General Stephenson was in command of the entire force, which, as usual, was divided into two armies, of attack and defence respectively, the former being under the command of Colonel Sargent, C.B., and the latter under that of Lord Abinger. The defence was presumed to have been successful, and after the mimic battle, the whole of the force marched past the general, and then left the ground on their return to London, the first detachment reaching King's Cross at 5.30 p.m.

On Tuesday the operatic season opened at the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden, with the performance of Verdi's opera, *Un Ballo in Maschera*. The artistes included Mdle. D'Angéri as Amelia, Madame Scalchi as Ulrice, Mdle. Bianchi as Oscar, and Signors Graziani, Capponi, Rossi, and Manfredi. On Thursday was given Auber's *Fra Diavolo*, with Mdle. Bianchi, Madame Scalchi, Signori Ciampi, Tagliafico, and Capponi, and M. Capoul.

The Agricultural Hall is again the scene of one of those great walking matches with which the name of Weston is so intimately associated. On the present occasion, however, Weston is not matched against time, but against another long distance walker, who, in America at least, enjoys almost as high a reputation, namely, D. O'Leary. The men began walking at five minutes past midnight on Sunday-Monday night, Weston starting on his journey about a minute earlier than his rival. The two walked on steadily at the rate of about five miles an hour. O'Leary took his first rest a little after noon, when he had covered a little

more than 63 miles. Weston continued walking for over two hours more, and then rested for some seventeen minutes. By midnight Weston had walked over 116 miles, and O'Leary over 114 miles. At the end of the second day, however, the position of the men was greatly changed in favour of the latter. When the second twenty-four was completed, O'Leary had retired to rest some time, having walked 208 miles, while Weston, at the same time, had gone over 194 miles. O'Leary covered his first 200 miles in the unprecedented time of 45hrs. 21min. 33sec., or less by 1hr. 13min. 57 sec. than the fastest time hitherto on record. At the end of the third day, O'Leary had done 294 miles, and Weston nearly 275. Further details must be reserved for next week.

We are sorry to see that the present holiday season has not passed without some fatal casualties. On the afternoon of Good Friday a party of three excursionists from Liverpool went for a row on the Dee, near Chester. On returning, either through carelessness or other cause, the boat was upset and the occupants were precipitated into the water. One of them, a woman, named Mary McCutcheon was gallantly rescued by a soldier of the 106th Regiment, but the two others, who were men, were both drowned. On Saturday afternoon, a somewhat similar and equally fatal accident occurred on the Thames at Teddington Weir. Two young gentlemen had hired a boat from Richmond and rowed up the river; when near the Weir, just above Teddington Lock, they met a steam launch, when, owing to some cause, as yet unexplained, the occupants of the boat were soon overpowered, and as the tide was on the ebb, the boat was drawn through the puddles of the weir and instantly smashed to pieces. Several attempts were made to rescue the unfortunate gentlemen. Joe Sadler and others put off in boats from Messenger's Ferry, but accomplished nothing, owing to the rapidity of the current. A young gentleman named Chappell and a Mr. Wilkinson, who were on the lawn of a house abutting on Weir-bank, plunged unhesitatingly into the water, when they heard cries for help, but they were unable to do anything, and were themselves able to return to land only after great difficulty, and thoroughly exhausted.

The Eastern Question seems but very little nearer solution than it was last week. True, the Protocol on which Russia appears to have set her heart has been signed by all the Great Powers, provisionally by England, and it is said likewise by Austria. This, in the opinion of many people, was to determine the whole difficulty, but diplomatic difficulties are unlike others. No sooner has that happened which we are given to understand will set matters right, than some fresh obstacle presents itself, and the end appears to be as far removed as ever. This appears to be the case in the present instance. Everything depended on the Protocol being signed. It has been signed, and when Turkey and Montenegro have settled the terms of peace between them; when Russia and Turkey are agreed to a mutual disarmament; when the former is satisfied that Turkey is serious in the reforms she is introducing; and when Turkey is able to satisfy Russia that no more outbreaks will occur, either in the provinces now disaffected or in any others, then, it seems, but not till then, there is a prospect that war will not ensue. This is not exactly reassuring, but we cannot say it is entirely unsatisfactory. It is impossible we can continue much longer without gathering the real character of Russia's designs. She it is who has been throughout the main obstacle to a settlement. We are not hazarding any opinion in writing this, but stating a simple fact with which the whole world is acquainted. Her anxiety is for peace, while her acts are warlike. But she cannot continue fooling the rest of Europe for ever. If she is sincere in her desire for peace, the peace of Europe may be assured to-morrow, and the world generally is beginning to recognise this fact. Turkey may be as black as she is painted, but this is doubtful. Russia is not as honourable as she would have us believe she is. This is not doubtful, though some may have elected to think so in the days of the "atrocities."

In a report on a Widows' and Orphans' Home and Industrial School, which was agreed to at the Annual Communication in Vicksburg, on 7th February, of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, and is appended to the *Masonic Jewel* for last month, we find some very interesting details as to Masonic Institutions established, or in contemplation, in

various of the United States, and elsewhere. Connecticut, it seems, is about establishing a Home for Aged and Infirm Masons, their Widows and Orphans, but before any attempt is made at organisation, it is proposed to raise a fund of one hundred thousand dollars by contribution, but whether by voluntary or enforced contributions is not stated. In Kentucky for some years past a Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home has been maintained under the auspices of Grand Lodge. The subscriptions received from the outset from Lodges and the Ladies' Aid Society amount to nearly 149,000 dollars. There is an endowment fund of close on 138,500 dollars, which yields an income of about 10,000 dollars per annum. Since the opening of the Home, a hundred and eighty-five widows and orphans of deceased Kentuckian Freemasons have been admitted, and there are at present one hundred and twenty-eight inmates of the Institution. The expenses for the year ended 31st August 1875 amounted to, in round figures, 39,800 dollars, but of this sum 25,884 dollars were expended for building purposes, so that the actual current expenses of the year were only 13,815 dollars. The Home is governed by a board of fifteen directors, five of whom retire annually. In Missouri, we are told, the Grand Lodge once built and owned a Masonic Orphans' College, but after the lapse of a few years it was abandoned, as it was found that it "cost about four times as much to educate each orphan in the school as it would to pay their tuition in the regular academic and public schools by the Lodges themselves near their own homes." The College was accordingly closed, and presented to the Central Female College, which grants free tuition to thirty orphans if Grand Lodge desire it, but Lodges now attend to their own orphans, and are, in consequence, excused from paying any Charity Fund to Grand Lodge. North Carolina formerly appropriated 2000 dollars annually for the support of two Orphan Asylums—one at Oxford and one at Asheville. At the last Communication of Grand Lodge the latter was incorporated with the former, the annual subvention being continued. The two Institutions since their establishment have fed, clothed, and instructed 145 orphans, taken from the most needy in the State. In Nebraska a fund is being raised for the education of indigent children of deceased Masons, and now in Mississippi it has been determined to erect a Widows' and Orphans' Home and Industrial School. An endowment of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, calculated to yield an annual income of ten thousand dollars, will be raised in the first instance, and then a sum of fifty thousand dollars will be secured for building. The Institution will be governed by a Board, consisting of the Grand Master, Dep. Grand Master, Grand Wardens *ex officio*, and fifteen members, elected at the rate of five annually, each class of five retiring in turn, in order to create the requisite number of vacancies.

We have received copy of a Petition or Memorial which will be presented at the next Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter by the three Principals of Royal Union Chapter, No. 382, Uxbridge. It appears that in the beginning of this year Comp. M. Cooke, M.E.Z. of the Chapter in question, with the other Principals, was summoned to appear before Col. Burdett, Grand Superintendent of Middlesex, to show cause why the Chapter should not be suspended for non-payment of dues to the Provincial Grand Chapter from the year 1872 till the present. Z., H. and J., however, acknowledged the receipt of, but did not obey, the summons, and as a consequence, sentence of suspension was passed against the Chapter, while the Principals were suspended from all their "Royal Arch Masonic Functions." At the last meeting of Grand Chapter an attempt was made by Comp. Cooke to present his memorial, but owing, we presume, to the non-observance of certain formalities, the reception of the memorial was declined. We trust the document in its present form will be found sufficiently formal, and that the appeal will be heard forthwith. It is unsatisfactory to have cases of this kind left unsettled, especially when the important question of jurisdiction has been raised. We reserve our opinion on the case till it has been heard and determined in Grand Chapter.

The General Committee of the Boys' School will meet this afternoon at 4 p.m., when, as we understand, the question of the extension of the School will be taken into consideration.

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Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Twenty-third day of January, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twelve, and in the Year of Masonry Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Twelve.

ROBT. LESLIE, Grand Secretary.

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The *New Quarterly* offers one of the best programmes we have read for some time. The number opens with an admirable paper by George Meredith, "On the idea of Comedy, and of the Comic Spirit." We advise our readers not simply to read, but to study it likewise. "The Tourist in Portugal" is next in order, and when we say it is from the pen of Mr. John Latouche, we think we have said enough to secure for it the attention it deserves. Mr. Latouche has already distinguished himself by a series of articles, entitled "Travels in Portugal," which appeared in the earlier numbers of this periodical, and we are promised that, from time to time, further papers will appear with the heading of the present paper. We are glad of this,

for the author is quite equal to the task, having been evidently at much pains to acquaint himself with Portuguese habits and customs and with the capabilities, agricultural, industrial, and otherwise, of the country. He writes, moreover, in an easy fluent style, without the slightest care to misrepresent or exaggerate. "The Art of Lying," by C. Elliott Browne, is most interesting. Travellers are great adepts in the art, the instances adduced in the course of this essay, of their marvellous ability in the art of lying are both numerous and entertaining. The amateur of music will rejoice in the article on "Musical Expression and the Composers of the Eighteenth Century," while the man of science will derive equal pleasure from taking "A Glance at the Comets," under the guidance of Mr. E. V. Heward. The fiction is contributed by writers whose names are familiar to readers of the *New Quarterly*, Mrs. Jack; a Story," being from the pen of Frances Eleanor Trollope, and "The Mystic; or, a Journey to Edinburgh," from that of Mr. John Dangerfield. This completes the list of contents, and we fancy our readers will admit that a better has seldom been furnished even by the *New Quarterly*.

Our friends will find that *Cassell's Family Magazine* is full of sound practical information. In addition to the usual light entertaining stories, Mr. Harwood's tale of "Paul Knox, Pitman," and Miss Ada Cambridge's "My Guardian" are admirably told. The characters are generally well drawn, and most of the scenes are as interesting as they are vivid. The short stories are "Told by her Sister," "Our Mistaken Generosity," and "What he lost by it." The practical papers tell us "How to Write a Good Letter," about "Popular Science Schools and Classes," and "The County Schools and Cavendish College," and "How to Build Cities of Health," of which last our old familiar friend "A Family Doctor" is the contributor. The article on "Gardening in April" is a model of what such papers should be. "Art Needlework," "Some Rules of Neatness," and our Paris correspondent's "Chit-Chat on Dress" will prove especially interesting to ladies, while "The Gatherer" furnishes an *omnium gatherum* in the way of notes generally useful. The poetical contributions are, if anything, above the average, and the frontispiece by E. Wagner, "John Maynard, Pilot," does great credit to the artist's powers, both conceptive and executive. We have omitted one paper, but inadvertently. There are many who hardly know what to do with themselves when they have a holiday, and we advise all such to study the advice of A. Heward, in his paper headed "Your Bank Holiday." Whit Monday is not very far off. Let them test his counsel, and we doubt not they will be all the better for it.

In *The Countries of the World* we hardly know which to praise most, the illustrations or Dr. Brown's narrative. At all events, both are praiseworthy, and that cannot be said of all illustrated periodicals. The engravings include one of "Cod Fishing on the Great Bank of Newfoundland," a "View of Montreal from the St. Lawrence," "Flowers of Canada," a "View of Halifax, Nova Scotia," the "Canadian Primeval Forest, Birch Bark Canoe, and Indian Lodges," "View of Westminster, British Columbia (looking up Fraser River)," and "Saw-Mills in a Forest of Pines." As may be imagined, the narrative is somewhat short, but Dr. Brown has compressed into it as much valuable information as his space would permit.

"A Young Wife's Story" is continued through the present number of the *Leisure Hour*, and there are Chapters V. and VI. of Miss I. Bird's exceedingly graphic account of "Australia Felix: Impressions of Victoria." No. II. of "New Helps for Hospitals" contains a mass of interesting statistical information. The following, relating to St. George's Hospital, will probably surprise many of our readers:—"In the ten years ending in 1765 its subscriptions amounted to £26,832; in the ten years ending in 1865 they had not doubled." And again, "In 1875 the hospital received only thirty-three more in-patients than it had held in 1865. Nevertheless, the cost of its service, exclusive of board, had risen 119 per cent., of its nursing, also exclusive of board, 97 per cent., of light and gas 113 per cent., of milk 101, of bread and flour 31½, of fish 75, of butter and eggs 97, grocery 35, vegetables 66, extra diets 33, washing 62, bedding and furniture 27, coals 36, fire insurance 110, instruments, &c., 34, drugs 24, and salaries and wages 7 per cent." Meat, also, has only risen 7 per cent.; but in 1865 the nurses and servants were allowed a shilling a day for meat, and this was reckoned in the accounts of meat. A description of "Upsala," a good paper on "The Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts," a biographical sketch of "the late Sir William Fairbairn," "the Story of a Greek Merchant," and last, but very far from being the least entertaining of all, "An Ingenious Defence," derived from Mr. James Grant's work, *The Bench and the Bar*. The illustrations are good, while the "Varieties" and "Natural History Anecdotes" are interesting and pleasant reading.

We need say but little of *Sunday at Home*. What we have to say is almost a repetition of former remarks. The second of the series of J. T. Wood's articles on "Ephesus and the Temple of Diana," the fourth of J. Alexander's "Pictures of Jewish Life," the account of "Destructive Earthquakes in Palestine in Scripture Times," and No. IV. of the late Rev. R. Demaus's account of "The English Bible," are among the chief contributions. There is likewise an admirable paper on "Dr. Livingstone." Most of the other contents are suited to the special character of the periodical. In this case, likewise, the illustrations are, as usual, to be commended.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism or Neuralgic Affections.—No diseases are more frequent, painful, or difficult to cure than these. From their attack no tissue of the human body is exempt, no age, sex, or calling secure. It is a blessing, however, to know that all these sufferings may be completely and expeditiously subdued by Holloway's remedies. The Pills much assist in banishing the tendency to rheumatism and similar painful disorders; whilst the Ointment cures the local ailments, the Pills remove the constitutional disturbance and regulate the impaired function of every organ throughout the human body. The cure is neither temporary nor superficial, but permanent and complete, and the disease rarely recurs, so perfect has been the purification performed by these searching preparations.

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, 7th APRIL.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
199—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 9th APRIL.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
90—St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. at 6 o'clock.

75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby.
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
689—Druid's Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
693—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1089—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
1393—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1449—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury.
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Micklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

TUESDAY, 10th APRIL.

55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
800—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Coopers Arms, Silver-street, Falcon-square, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-street, E.C.
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R. A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R. A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
184—United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.

WEDNESDAY, 11th APRIL.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
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.)
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horse Hotel, Ipswich.
281—Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1342—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Staffs.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.

THURSDAY, 12th APRIL.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
860—Dalhousie, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, 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.)

THURSDAY—continued.

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
548—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George's, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1204—Royd's Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1418—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill.

FRIDAY, 13th APRIL.

766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (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.)
1298—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne Road, North Kensington, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
1087—Beauesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.
R. A. 601—Eyton, Wrexin Hotel, Wellington.

SATURDAY, 14th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
1612—West Middlesex Institute, Ealing.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
R. A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
R. A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.

TUESDAY.

495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
R. A. 285—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

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

THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

FRIDAY.

458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

SATURDAY.

R. A. 308—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.

TUESDAY—1—Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.

WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate, Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.
R. A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.

THURSDAY—8—Journymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.

FRIDAY—56—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

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

MONDAY—102—St. Mark's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

" 219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.

" 301—Union and Crown, Freemasons' Hall, Barrhead.

" 362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.

" 541—Marie Stuart, Freemasons' Hall, Crosshill, Glasgow.

" R. A. 76—Abbey, 8 High-street, Paisley.

TUESDAY—413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

" 419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.

" 441—Glasgow, 21 Struthers-street, Glasgow.

" 543—St. John Dalmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Dalmuir.

" 579—St. Brydes, Freemasons Hall, Udderstone.

" R. A. 69—St. Andrew's, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.

WEDNESDAY—178—Scotia, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.

" 333—St. George, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

" 510—Maryhill, 170 Main-street, Maryhill.

" R. A. 113—Partick, School-room, Douglas-street, Partick.

THURSDAY—570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.

" R. A. 50—Glasgow, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

FRIDAY—153—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, Cogan-st., Pollockshaw.

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

SATURDAY—4—St. John Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.

" 29—St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Visitations of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow.—Bro. Colonel W. Montgomery Neilson, accompanied by a deputation of nine of his officers, visited the Plantation Lodge 581, and congratulated Bro. Stobo on the great success that had thus far attended them as a young Lodge. He hoped they would be very careful of the character of those whom they initiated into the Order. Bro. Stobo thanked him for his kind remarks, and said he wished to rule over a good Lodge rather than a large one. The deputation then visited the Union Lodge 332, and were able to give Bro. J. McKirdy and his officers a clean bill of health, and also congratulated them on their financial and moral prosperity. On Tuesday the oldest Lodge in the Province, St. John No. 3 bis, was visited, and with the like satisfactory result. Bro. Kyle R.W.M. promised that it should not deteriorate during his term of office. The deputation then crossed the passage to Lodge Thistle and Rose No. 73, where Bro. Kinnaird and his officers were warmly commended for the work done during the past year by their predecessors in office. The good effected by the Provincial Lodge of Benevolence was also ably spoken of by Bro. G. Sinclair, Treasurer of that Fund. Bro. Kinnaird thanked the P.G.M. and the deputation for the visit, and said he would take care that 73 maintained its old prestige, and would be second to none in the Province.

Visitations of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Lanarkshire.—Comp. F. A. Barrow P.G. Superintendent for Lanarkshire, accompanied by Comps. Thos. Halket P.G.T., Jas. Balfour P.G. Scribe E., G. W. Wheeler P.G. Scribe N., T. M. Campbell P.G. 1st Soj., G. MacDonald P.G. 3rd S., J. Duthie P.G.S. of W. and J. M. Oliver P.G.S.B., visited the Govan Chapter 117, on Thursday 29th March. The Chapter was opened by Comps. R. Muir Z., J. Sutherland H., J. Miller J., Allen Scribe E., C. McKenzie J. of 50, acting as 1st S., Bailie McFarlane P.Z., officiating as Treasurer. The P.G. Superintendent, after seeing the Chapter opened, and the books thoroughly examined, expressed his gratification at finding the Chapter in such a satisfactory condition. At one time they had fallen into bad hands, and ceased working for a time, but he was glad to find that the efforts of Bailie McFarlane to resuscitate it had been so successful, and that he had got such a worthy successor as Comp. Muir. If they only persevered, no doubt they would soon raise the status of Masonry in Govan. Comps. Muir and McFarlane both acknowledged the compliments that had been paid them, and proposed that the members of the deputation from P.G.C. should be affiliated as honorary members. Bailie McFarlane having performed this ceremony, Comp. Wheeler, on behalf of the deputation, returned thanks for the honours thus conferred on them, and promised to do all in his power to assist this Chapter in its working. On Saturday, the 31st ult., the same deputation, accompanied by Comp. W. Smith P.G.H., went over to Holytown to visit the Robert Burns Chapter 143, and saw the Chapter opened by Comps. D. Baker Z., J. Nimson H., R. Reid J., Wm. McMurdo P.Z. Scribe E., J. Naismith S.N., H. Dyer Treas., J. Menzie 1st Soj. After a few remarks from the P.G. Scribe E., in reference to the books, the Superintendent highly complimented the Chapter on the status they had attained in so short a time, and situated as they were in an isolated position, it was highly satisfactory to find that in three years they had had fifty exaltations; that the work was so creditably performed, and the books so well kept. In Glasgow, where there were so many Masons, they had larger sources from which to draw their supplies, and could also get more assistance in performing the ceremonies, so that it was really gratifying to find them in such a state. He was sorry to hear that their 1st Principal Comp. was leaving for England, and would wish him prosperity in his new sphere of usefulness. He had no doubt that their P.Z. Comp. W. W. McMurdo would carry on the affairs of the Chapter till the next annual election with credit to himself and to the good of the Chapter. Comp. Baker thanked the P.G.S. for his kind remarks, and also the rest of the Officers of the P.G.C., for coming so far out to see them. He trusted they would allow themselves to be enrolled as honorary members. Comp. W. Smith P.G.H. returned thanks. They were pleased with what they had seen of the working of the Chapter, and duly appreciated the honour of becoming members. In addition to the deputation some visitors from Glasgow were present.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 29th of March, at Bro. Hallows, The Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Franklin, W.M., Appleby S.W., F. Hallows J.W., Christian acting Sec., Pinder P.M., Groome S.D., Mumford J.D., Claridge I.G.; also Bros. W. G. Hallows, Hunt, Clark, Brown. The Lodge was opened in due form. Ceremony of initiation rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Hunt acting as candidate. Bro. Christian worked the ceremony of passing, Bro. Franklin candidate. Bro. Appleby was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. It was proposed that the following committee be appointed to take the necessary steps for forming a Masonic Charitable Association in connection with this Lodge of Instruction:—Bros. Christian President, W. G. Hallows Treasurer, Pinder Sec., and Bros. Appleby, Groome, Badkin, Mumford, Claridge, and Franklin. It was further resolved that it be called the Walthamstow Masonic Charitable Association, and that the meetings should be on the third Thursday in every month. A vote of thanks was recorded upon the minutes to the W.M., for the able and efficient manner in which he performed the duties of W.M. Lodge was then closed.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—Brethren are reminded that the anniversary banquet will take place at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday evening next, 12th April, at 7 o'clock. Application for tickets (price 4s. each) should be made to Bro. Maidwell at once, as the number is limited.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 3rd instant. Present—Bros. Powell W.M., Daniel S.W., Hewlett J.W., Baxter S.D., Lees J.D., Hill I.G., Ellis, Holloway, Walker, Hollands, Rudderforth, Sayer, Cay, Lipscombe. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sayer candidate. Bro. Walker, Hill, and Powell, assisted Bro. Hewlett in working the first, second, and third sections of the lecture. Bro. Rudderforth assisted Bro. Hewlett in working the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seven sections of the lecture. Bro. Holloway, of the Kent Lodge, was elected a member. Bro. Daniel was chosen as W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. In the absence of Bro. Daniel, Bro. Baxter responded. It was proposed by Bro. Rudderforth, seconded by the J.W., that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Powell for the able manner in which he filled the chair for the first time in this Lodge. Carried unanimously.

Cathedral Chapter, No. 67 Glasgow.—At the regular meeting on Tuesday, 27th March, the Chapter was opened by Comp. David Ronald Z., assisted by Comps. J. Duthie P.Z. as H., Wm. Bilsland as J., J. Wood T., J. Mason Scribe E., J. Goldie S.N., N. Trumer 1st S., W. Neville 2nd, J. Muir 3rd, and H. Crawford Janitor, after which a deputation from the P.G.C., consisting of Comps. W. Smith P.G.H., Acting P.G. Superintendents, J. Halket P.G.T., Jas. Balfour P.G. Scribe E., G. W. Wheeler P.G. Scribe N., T. M. Campbell P.G.P.S. G. McDonald 3rd S., J. Duthie P.G.S. of W., and J. M. Oliver P.G. St. B. The G.S.E. having read a report of the examination of books, &c., the Acting Grand Superintendent congratulated the Chapter on having exalted 14 Companions in the past year, and also for the way the business of the Chapter was conducted, but advised them to hold some instruction meetings to get the members posted up, and enable them to fill any office that might be temporarily vacant. Comp. Ronald thanked the deputation for their visit, and the Grand Scribe E. and Superintendents for their favourable report, hoping he might get as good next year.

Caledonian of Unity Chapter, No. 73, Glasgow.—Was visited by the P.G. Superintendent and his officers on Wednesday, 28th March. The Z., Comp. G. W. Wheeler, opened his Chapter, with J. Kinnaird H., W. Gunn J., J. Bannerman T., J. Balfour S.E., J. Youle S.N., William Hoy 1st S., J. Jackson 2nd, and the rest of the officers. From the report it appeared that there had been 21 exaltations during the past year, and the Superintendent was able to report that not only were the books admirably kept, but the whole of the working of the Chapter was in a highly satisfactory state, and reflected credit upon all its officers. Comp. Wheeler thanked the P.G.S. and the deputation for their visit, and also his own officers, by whose assistance they had been able to obtain so favourable a report.

Doric Lodge, No. 81.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Private Rooms, Doric-place, Woodbridge, Suffolk. Present—Bros. Alfred Barnes W.M., E. C. Moor S.W., C. F. Brown J.W., W. Wilmshurst Sec., B. D. Gall Treas., T. Grimwood pro. tem. S.D., F. Bradbrook J.D., E. Fitzgerald P.M. P.P.G.S.B. D.C., Richard Allen I.G., George Hall Tyler. Past Masters Bros. B. Gall and Phillips. Visitors—Bros. E. Row, of Lodge 555, and E. Holmes P.M. 114. Business—The minutes of the previous Lodge read and confirmed. Bros. Ernest St. George and Cobbold were raised; Goodwin, Samuel, and Johnson passed, and Mr. Henry Rowe, of Wickham Market, initiated. £5 granted from the Lodge Funds for the relief of a member of this Lodge, who has lately become insolvent. The Lodge members were summoned for 6 o'clock p.m., and the Lodge was closed at 9.30, when some of the brethren adjourned to Bro. T. Grimwood's, Crown Hotel, to supper, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

Hawton Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 100, Ivybridge.—The annual meeting was held on Wednesday, 28th March, when Bro. James H. Toms P.P.G.S.B. was installed W. Master, the ceremony being efficiently performed by W. Bro. J. B. Gover P.M. 50 and 66, P.P.G.T., assisted by W. Bros. W. Boxall P.P.G.P., E. A. Davies P.M. P.P.G.M.O., James Gidley, and J. Y. Avery. The following were the officers appointed:—Bros. W. Boxall I.P.M., S. Sandover S.W., T. Searle J.W., J. P. Sawyer M.O., T. E. Scobell S.O., M. Patterson J.O., H. Cole Treas., T. Searle Sec. and R.M., F. E. Pearce S.D., J. S. Short J.D., J. Meathrel I.G., Thos. B. Ford Tyler. Four brethren were proposed for advancement, and it was announced that the affairs of the Lodge were in a very satisfactory state. The Rt. Wor. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Tanner Davey J.P., was unexpectedly prevented from attending to instal the W. Master.

Royal Arch Lodge, No. 116, Rutherglen.—Celebrated their 108th anniversary by a supper, concert and ball, on Friday last. There were about 200 present, J. Hunter R.W.M. in the chair; the Croupiers were the Wardens, Bros. J. Stone and J. D. Montgomery. Amongst the visitors were Masters of St. John, Rutherglen, The Thorntree, and R. Nisbett, of the Albert Edward, Polmode, and his Treasurer, J. C. Shand S.D. of the Provincial Lodge of Renfrewshire East. The proceedings were of an interesting character.

Thetis Chapter, No. 122, Glasgow.—Held its usual meeting on Monday, 26th ult, and received a visit from the Provincial Grand Chapter of Lanarkshire, consisting of Comps. F. A. Barrow P.G. Superintendent, T. Halket P.G.T., James Balfour P.G. Scribe E., G. W. Wheeler P.G. Scribe N., T. M. Campbell P.G. 1st Soj., G.

McDonald P.G. 3rd S. J., J. M. Oliver P.G. St.B., and J. B. Hardie P. G. Janitor. The Chapter having been opened by the Z., Comp. De Neef, with Comp. Wm. McAlister H., A. Love J., Wm. Gunn T., J. Quigley Scribe E., and other Officers; there being also present J. O. Scott Past Z.'s. The P.G. Superintendent congratulated them on the state of the books, and the general work of the Chapter; they had exalted seven Companions, not so many as in former years, but he looked to the quality of the members rather than to their numbers, and it was pleasant to find the Chapter working so harmoniously and well. Comp. De Neef thanked the P.G.S. and his Officers for their visit, and also for the kind words he had spoken to them; they would try in the next year, if possible, to do better than in the past. Comps. H. and J. Park J.S. proposed that those of the deputation not already members should be made honorary members. Comp. J. O. Park P.Z., at the request of the Z., then conferred that honour on Comps. S. McDonald P.Z. of 73, and J. M. Oliver S.E. of 79.

Scotia Lodge, No. 178.—Celebrated their 86th anniversary on Friday. Bro. Wm. Hart R.W.M. presiding, assisted by his principal officers. Amongst the visitors were the Masters of the following Lodges, accompanied by a deputation—D. Ronald 275, J. McInnis 408, J. B. McNaught 556. Bro. Hart gave an interesting synopsis of the history of the Lodge, which is now in a highly flourishing state. He feelingly alluded to the death of Bro. Joseph Singleton, their late P.M., stating that the monument to his memory, subscribed for by the brethren, was now nearly completed. The Rev. J. C. Stewart Chaplain, also addressed the meeting at some length, with good effect.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on Saturday, 31st March. Bro. Anshell W.M., Halford S.W., Brasted J.W., Fenner S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Baxter I.G. The Lodge was opened in the usual manner, the minutes of previous meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hewlett as candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Killick, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Bedwell candidate. The W.M. resumed the chair, and closed down. Bro. J. Hill W.M. 228 was elected a member, and Bro. Halford chosen as W.M. for the ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked by Bro. Hewlett on the 28th of April, further particulars of which will duly appear. A vote of thanks to the W.M. (this being the first occasion on which he had presided) brought the proceedings to a close.

Roslyn Chapter, No. 199.—At the regular meeting on 2nd April, Comp. G. Thallon opened in the Mark degree, with Comps. Hogg as S.W., and Wm. Dobbie as J.W. Comp. Wheeler Z. 73 asked the Chapter to kindly exalt a Companion for them, as the gentleman was leaving for America before his Chapter would meet. This was readily granted, and Comp. Thallon, having illness at home, vacated the chair, asking Comp. Wheeler to preside, which he did, and gave the Mark degree to Bro. Jas. Davison, of the Union Lodge 332. He then opened a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters, and requested Comp. T. M. Campbell Z. of 69 to work that degree, which he did in his usual excellent style. The Chapter was then opened by G. W. Wheeler as Z., J. Hogg H., and T. M. Campbell Z. 69 as J., W. Dobbie P.Z. acting Scribe E., R. Trauven 1st S. of 67 1st S., J. McInnis 1st S. of 69 as 2nd, and J. Brand 3rd. After the close of the proceedings, Comp. Wheeler returned the thanks of Chapter 73 to the Roslyn for their kindness in allowing him to exalt his member in their Chapter.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. Wallington W.M., Lovelock S.W., Barker J.W., E. T. Worsley Secretary and J.D., Dallas S.D., and Bonner I.G. Visitors—Bros. Saunders, Christian, Defriez, &c. The Lodge was opened. The minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Defriez acting as candidate. Bro. Worsley worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Haines, of Euphrates Lodge 212 was unanimously elected a member. Several of the regular attendants were absent, we suppose in consequence of its being holiday time. Bro. Wallington will go through the installation ceremony on Tuesday next, previous to his installing the W.M. in his mother Lodge on the 12th instant. We hope there will be a good muster present, as his rendering is very perfect and pleasing. The Secretary stated that P.M. Bro. T. J. Barnes had kindly undertaken to work the Fifteen Sections on the 24th instant; he will be assisted by P.M. Bro. Thomas Austin as S.W. and P.M. Bro. W. H. Wallington as J.W. A full list of the brethren who will work the sections will be given in this paper the week previous.

Erme Lodge, Ivybridge, No. 1091.—This Lodge held its annual meeting at the Masonic Rooms, Erme House, on Wednesday, 28th March, amongst those present being W. Bro. J. H. Toms W.M., W. Boxall I.P.M., Henry Cole P.M. and T., S. Sandover S.W., T. Searle J.W., J. P. Sawyer J.D., Coleman, Grills, Scobell, Arthurs, Mackay, Lasens, and Ford. Visitors—W. Bros. E. A. Davies P.M. 1099, P.P. G. S. Works, J. B. Gover P.M. 70, P.P.G.A.D.C., R. Rodd P.M. 189, P.P.G.R., H. W. Thomas P.M. 70, J. Y. Avery W.M. 156, Jas. Gidley P.M. 1205, J. Hill 1205. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. S. Sandover, Master Elect, was presented for installation. This ceremony was admirably conducted by W. Bro. H. W. Thomas, ably assisted by W. Bros. J. Y. Avery, Gidley, and Gover. The following officers were appointed:—Bros. James Toms I.P.M., Thos. Searle S.W., J. P. Sawyer J.W., H. Cole P.M. Treas., John P.

Sawyer Sec., W. H. Mackay S.D., R. Lavers J.D., T. Barons D.C., M. Bager A.D.C., W. Arthurs O., G. Grills I.G., W. Trenerman S.S., R. King jun. J.S., Thos. Ford Tyler, H. Cole Representative Com. Petitions. Some routine business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to Bro. Tom's, King's Arms Hotel. After the banquet (which was an excellent one), the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and heartily responded to. Bro. Toms I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. He said he possessed the entire confidence of the Lodge, was worthy of his position, and predicted for him a very successful year of office. Bro. Sandover, in reply, said he should constantly endeavour to merit their good opinion by doing his duty faithfully and to the best of his ability. He thanked them most cordially for the way in which they had always received him, and more especially for the proud position he now occupied. Bro. J. Y. Avery proposed the healths of the I. P. Master, Treasurer, and late Secretary. The Lodge was much indebted to these officers for their energy and perseverance when it was not so prosperous, and they were respected and esteemed for their valued services. Bros. Toms, H. Cole, and Boxall replied in suitable terms. The W.M., in proposing the healths of the Senior and Junior Wardens, expressed his conviction that from their known ability, and love of Masonry, he should receive valuable aid from them during the year. Bros. Searle and Sawyer thanked the W.M. for their positions, and the brethren for their kind reception, as did also the Assistant Officers, whose healths were proposed by Bro. Gover. Bro. Cole proposed the Visitors, saying how glad they were to receive them at all times, and thanking them for their assistance. Bros. H. W. Thomas, R. R. Rodd, and E. A. Davies eloquently replied. Bro. Gover, in a speech full of humour, introduced the important toast of the Ladies, making especial reference to the kind attention and thoughtful catering of the hostess, Mrs. Toms, to whom they had been indebted on many occasions for their comfortable and enjoyable social comforts. Bros. Toms and Sawyer having responded, the Tyler's Toast was given, and brought a profitable and pleasurable day to a happy conclusion.

SUPPORTS OF MASONRY.

AN ORATION DELIVERED BY DR. SHAFFER, OF KEOKUK, IOWA.

WISDOM, strength and beauty are the supports of the Masonic institutions. Wisdom may design, strength may establish; there remains beauty to adorn. Wisdom may suggest never so wisely; strength may support never so firmly, but without beauty to attract, both are voiceless and silent. The pillars of the inner porch of the Temple, constructed with skill, designed after the strictest principles of geometry or architecture, strong in their might to sustain the vast weight resting upon them, would—and rightly, too—have been lost to tradition if wisdom and strength were their only attributes.

The soul of the thoughtful Mason warms as he contemplates the chapters crowned with lily-work, net-work and pomegranates. These strike a chord responsive in his heart of hearts. These, wrought by the graving-tool of the cunning artisan, carry him beyond the master whose wisdom contrived, and link him with the humble fellow-craft whose name is long ago lost. In fancy he revives the memory of the faithful workman, who, from the rough ashlar, surmounted the columns of strength and establishment, and with his chisel and mallet wrought images of beauty that speak lessons of joy and gladness to the succeeding ages.

There is within us a certain awe of the wisdom of our ancient Grand Masters. There is a certain admiration for the genius of those who set up the tabernacle, and placed the Ark of the Covenant in the Holy Seat, for those who built and afterwards rebuilt the Temple. Both Ark and Temple live in the dim shadows of history. But the blue, the purple, the scarlet, the fine twined linen—the tessellated floor—the costly, because beautiful ornaments of Temple and tabernacle are a gracious remembrance—a sweet-smelling incense which time only deepens and intensifies.

It is well that it is so. Our lives are far too short to be wasted on wisdom and strength alone. Neither of these elements, nor both of them, can do that for human character which the Supreme Grand Master has designed. Fill the mind with all science, if that be possible, at least let a perfect knowledge of some one division of some one of the sciences be achieved. Let there be strength, force, material, moral, mental and spiritual, and the outgrowth is but a miserable abortion of character, apart from a just appreciation of beauty. That element of attraction towards symmetry, form, colour, harmony and taste, is what makes human character perfect.

The chemist who does not revel with delight in the shapes, lights, shadows, proportions and even the seeming irregularities of the products of his magic art is not half a man, though he have boundless knowledge of the material substance in the universe. The mechanic who fails to see and to cultivate the beautiful in the work of his hand, is but a machine having strength and endowed with wisdom. The farmer who looks out upon his fields, green, or golden, or tinged with many coloured hues, as the representative of so many dollars and cents only, is not far removed from the cattle that feed at his crib, in every element of perfected character. The mason who works in the quarries and has wisdom and strength to earn his bread, unless he may read "Sermons in Stones," unless he may see the beauty of harmony that lies lurking everywhere about him, is but little more conscious of the bright, though buried glories of his own existence, than is the fossil which is exposed by his drill. The good and zealous craftman as he performs his labour in the broad field of speculative Masonry may have all ritualistic knowledge; but it is "sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal" if he has failed to drink in and appropriate the enrapturing beauty that everywhere reveals itself to the eye which is open and ready to see.

Every kingdom and every family of nature is overflowing with beauty. Go abroad upon the paths of nature, and when all

"Its voices whisper and all its silent things
Are breathing the deep beauty of the world,
Kneel at the simple altar, and the God
Who hath the living waters, shall be there."

On the face of the heavens are painted the unapproachable glories of the rainbow, and the varied and ever varying shadows, forms and colours that mark the rising, the course, and the setting of the sun. No less is this beauty stamped on each one of the one hundred thousand beetles described, than on the vaulted canopy of the sky. The grass of the field which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, is so clothed with beauty that all earthly attempts at rivalry are but wretched counterfeits. Even those living beings that repel the unthinking who regard them with aversion or terror are the best representative of the ideal of perfection of form and harmony of proportion. Even serpents are of matchless grace and beauty; they are the living design on the trestle-board of the "line of beauty," immortalised by painter and sculptor. Their varied blending of colours sparkling in the sun, their graceful, gliding motion conspire to convert this despised race into a fit subject of the highest admiration. Our Grand Master Solomon, King of Israel, found "four things" in all the world of matter and of mind that "were too wonderful for him;" among them. "The way of a serpent upon a rock." Had he possessed the same love of the beautiful in nature which he so sedulously cultivated in art, his wonder would have been swallowed up in regard, and his loftiest tribute would have been paid to its peerless symmetry.

The clouds and tempests and lightnings have a grandeur of beauty that is felt by all reverent souls, even while they terrify. The rugged mountains, capped with snow, and their sides clothed with verdure and instinct with life, stand out against the sky, revealing forms and shadows and glimpses and beauties that, above any other property, speak the divinity of their Maker. The snow covers the earth; its whiteness soon dissolves away; but every flake, be it ever so small, is the perfection of attractive form, as if moulded, chiseled, fashioned and shaped by the hand of a cunning artificer for duration throughout eternity. Birds sing in the forests, fly in the air, swim in the waters, and they are garnished all over with beauty. The endless variety of form, of motion, of plumage, of colour, attract the dullest sense, make the rude ploughboy halt in his heated work, and force from him a glad exclamation of pleasure, no less than when

"Forgetful of his toils
And due repose, he loiters to behold
The sunshine gleaming as through amber clouds
O'er all the western sky."

Some one has written that beauty was not necessary to the existence of plant or animal; that beauty was an added element for the gratification of sentient beings. Form, colour, tints could have been made in attractive; there might have been repelling distortions; or an entire absence of the endless varieties of shadings, shape and symmetries, and yet plant and animal could have lived.

Such a proposition needs no response in the mind of him who sees God everywhere and talks with Him as a man talks with his friend. Beauty is indispensable to the very existence—nay to the very desire to exist—if we may so speak—of plant and animal. What! Who "causes it to rain in the wilderness . . . where no man is . . . to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?" What! Who paints the prairies with manifold hues, tinges the ocean with green, clothes the island with bright and beautiful garments, fills the tropics with life and the perfection of form and motion and brightness, and the frozen circles of the North with lines and images of gigantic beauty and proportions. He can do all things, but he cannot make a flower, create a bird, give wings to the tiniest insect, scales to the fish, leaves to the trees, fruit that may propagate its kind, and not at the same act of creation, make them beautiful.

When the "Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, he made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food." He made them first of all beautiful, and afterwards "good for food."

There is nothing uncomely, nothing misshapen, nothing unattractive, in the whole realm of God's universe. With the telescope, sweep the vast extents of space, and find beauty everywhere. With the microscope, unfold the minutest atoms that together make up the globe, and find beauty, symmetry, perfection of form everywhere.

Thus finding this element all-pervading, it must be a condition necessary to existence, and if so, the deduction is natural that we should cultivate the love of the beautiful. To study and admire that which is beautiful is to strengthen and esteem that which is good and true. From all forms and lines and shadings that add attraction to utility, there go forth the spirit of truth and goodness, and God is goodness. From all that is deformed, and hideous, and repulsive, in art or in perverted lives, there goes forth the spirit of error and wrong. Light, grace, beauty, fitness, taste in things material, grow into love, peace, honour and happiness in things spiritual. Darkness, uncomeliness, squalor, and unfitness in things earthly, grow into vice, hatred, meanness and misery in things heavenly.

It is a token of good when costly pictures and statuary adorn the dwellings of the rich, for these are silent teachers training the soul to the higher life. It is an equal token of good that the cheap print ornaments the rough wall of the cabin or shanty of the pioneer or day labourer. It is a potent educator. It breathes a benison upon the heart of the worn toiler as he crosses the threshold at the close of the day. It is a noble inspiration to the humble wife as she performs her ceaseless round of duty. It is a delight to the children God has sent to their home, and is leading all, as the years are added, to seek the best gifts that the Omnipotent may bestow. It is a token of good when cities are beautified with all the adornments of art. When cemeteries blossom with flowers, when they are fresh with evergreens, when sparkling fountains, artistic monuments, beautiful hedges, shady walks, all bathed in the perfume of fragrance,

glad incense to deity, then the city of the dead is the expression of the character of the city of the living. When churches rear their lofty spires, when porch and turret, and column beautify, when the lights through the windows are shaded by many coloured rays, when altar, aisle, pew and wall are touched by the magic wand of beauty and taste, then the glory of the house reflects the mind of a people worshipping in the "beauty of holiness."

And where, among all the associations of man, are there like grand opportunity and invitation to cultivate this element, as in the time honoured institution of Freemasonry? In its several orders, its varieties of shades and forms and proportions are almost numberless. Some of these have origin long anterior to the days of Zerubabel. Ancient heathen symbolism was caught up by Greek and Roman of later days, incorporated by Hebrew, and adopted by Christianity—drawn, attracted irresistibly by the power of beauty. Those forms were made by worshippers in very remote times, the symbols of faith, and their significance lost to history and tradition, has been read engraven in lines of beauty upon the solid rocks. But for their attractiveness of form they would long ago have perished, never to be restored. Buried for ages, the dead marble speaks. Science and learning drawn with magnetic force by symmetry, and order and adornment, the wondrous lines of beauty that everywhere united all the past, unlock the mystery, and bring us face to face with our brethren who taught Moses the lesson, and gave him the learning not only to give the law, but to erect the tabernacle, construct the ark, and prepare all appropriate things to establish the worship of Almighty God. Read in the trefail of the church the triangle and triple tau of the Craft, the square, the gavel of the Lodge, the symbolism that gave to Ashtarothe the worship and adoration of the mighty nation of the earth. The Cross! emblem of the gallant and magnanimous Knight! What has not this symbol done for men? It was a "sign of faith as ancient as Homeric Troy." "It was used by the Phœnicians before the Jews had existence as a people." Ages before the "Man of Sorrows" was nailed to its rugged limbs, it was the representative of the noblest conception of mortal or immortal minds. Engraven upon tomb, and chapel, and pillar, and column, it is the silent, glorious evidence that nowhere in all the dim ages of the past has God "left himself without a witness" of his unquenchable love. This emblem led thousands to the grave, who left all to rescue the Holy Sepulchre from the infidel conquerors. So great, so irresistible is the power of beauty; beauty in the very form and symbolism of the Cross; beautiful in its rugged simplicity as it stands by the dusty wayside, on the mountain pass, in cemetery, in church, in lodge, in the cottage of the lowly. Beautiful when adorned with all the cunning skill of the most refined taste and knowledge, and this supplemented with the richest treasures that earth and ocean can yield; beautiful in the faith it represented to Aryan, and Hindoo, and Etruscan; beautiful in the pathetic, the sublime and simple story of the despised and rejected Nazarine.

Holding these views, feebly expressed and but faintly illustrated, yet firm in the conviction of their truth, you may well be prepared for words of the highest commendation of all that has been done in clothing this hall with beauty, elegance and taste. Dedicated to-day to the uses of the craft, let its beauty shine, together with the wisdom that designed and the strength which endows with establishment. Hold not back in your hearts any regret for the sacrifice of money which has illumined its altar and stations, and all its parts with a radiance of light, glory, and beauty. Be not regretful that you have called to your aid culture, refinement, the best graces of art, to make this Lodge the abode of beauty, the resting place of attractive lines, and forms and colours. Should the Pharisee find fault and ask, "Why was this waste made? for these might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and given to the poor," rebuke him in love, and with the Master say, "These have wrought a good work"—a good work whose influence shall never die, but shall rather increase in the widening circle of its power till the love of the beautiful shall fill all hearts, and transform all homes into images of the paradise of God.

Going forth from these enchanting scenes, let us carry the lessons of beauty with us to our homes, to our places of business, to our houses of worship, and let their rejoicing and purifying influence permeate all our lives, and bring our characters nearer and nearer to perfection. So shall we and our children, so shall the generations following, drinking inspiration from the love of the beautiful, be the better prepared and fitted for those immortal—those imperishable beauties that deck the chambers of the skies.—*Weekly Constitution.*

To-day will appear the first issue of a new weekly illustrated paper, bearing the style and title of *Touchstone*. Its pages will be devoted to the discussion of literary, artistic, and social questions of general interest. It will be very ably conducted, and the editor has fortunately succeeded in gathering around him a staff of experienced writers. But what will prove, in the eyes of our readers, the great attraction of the new aspirant for public favour, is the fact that one of its pages will be set apart for recording the Masonic news of the week. We wish the new venture every success, and hope the Craft will benefit by its exertions.

We understand that a Warrant has been granted by the Supreme Grand Council for a Conclave of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine to be called the Eboracum Conclave, No. 137, to be held at York, and that the Consecration ceremony will probably take place next month.

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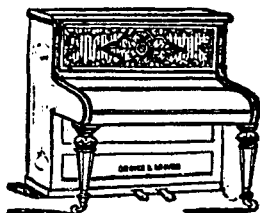
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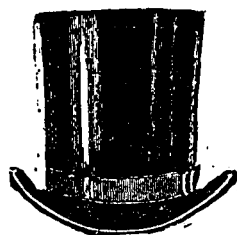
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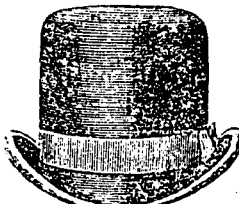
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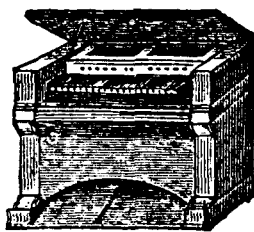
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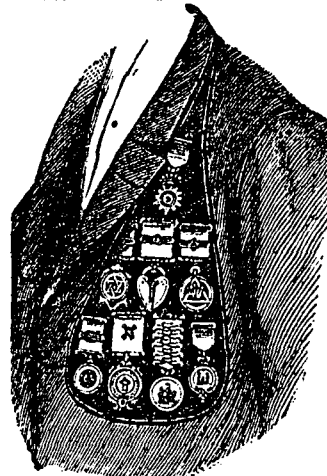
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