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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

BALANCE-SHEET, 1876-77.

A BARE enumeration of figures is by no means attractive reading; but the statement of account of this Institution for the past year, albeit it presents no extraordinary features in the way of either receipt or expenditure, is worth noticing in detail, if only on account of the increased munificence of the Craft, and the resultant increase of means wherewith to aid the distressed and aged members of our Craft and their widows. As our readers are aware, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is two benevolent Institutions rolled into one. Each of these twain has its special purpose, which, in the one case, is the relief of old indigent brethren, and in the other that of the widows of brethren, who, by the death of their husbands, or other approved cause, are found unable to maintain themselves. Hence, in stating the accounts the two are kept distinct, and we have really two balance-sheets—one for the Male Fund, and the other for the Female Fund. It would not, we imagine, be altogether unsatisfactory if a general balance-sheet, in which the accounts of both these funds were incorporated, were made of it. It would entail some additional labour, but it would enable many who may not understand the reason for keeping the two funds separate, to see at once the annual receipts and expenditure of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This, indeed, is done so far as to show the total balance at the end of the year; yet we think it might be with advantage extended to the whole account, especially as there are many items of expenditure which are apportioned equally between the two Funds. However, let us pass to the accounts themselves, and first as to the MALE FUND. On the 1st April 1876, there was a balance to the credit of the fund amounting to £3,825 7s 2d. The sums received during the year from all sources reached the sum of £7,495 7s 8d, so that the total receipts were £11,320 14s 10d. Of this, £500 represents the donation from Grand Lodge, and £100 that from Grand Chapter. The general body of the Craft contributed £6,056 2s, namely, in the way of Lodge, Chapter, or individual donations £4,907 19s, and in respect of annual subscriptions £1,148 3s. The interest on invested moneys amounted to £828 18s 11d, while the small remaining sum of £10 6s 9d was casual. Turning to the expenditure, we find that it reached the very considerable sum of £7,799 12s, of which, however, two items alone absorb by far the greater portion, namely, annuitants, who divide among themselves £4,851, and the purchase of £2,000 3 per cent. Consols, on which the sum of £1,880 was expended. The remainder, amounting to £1,068 12s, must be described as managerial expenditure. The four principal items are the salary of the Secretary and Clerk, Collector's commission, stationery, &c., and postages, &c., including expenses of election. These, together, account for £743 16s 3d. The other items are too numerous to report, but they include, among other matters, the Secretary's provincial expenses, medicine, wages of Warden, Gate-keeper, and Gardener, repairs, &c., Taxes, and Fire Insurance, together with £50 gratuity to Mrs. Lane, widow of the late Collector, and rent, &c., at Freemasons' Hall £18. Thus there remained, at the end of the year, that is, on the 31st March 1877, a balance to the credit of the Institution amounting to £3,521 2s 10d.

We turn now to the FEMALE FUND, with the following result. The opening balance on the 1st April 1876, was £1,341 17s 11d, and the moneys received during the year reached £6,792 19s, making the total receipts for the Fund £8,134 16s 11d. The principal heads of receipt are Grand Lodge Donation £300, and Grand Chapter ditto £50, while the Craft contributed £5,857 2s 3d, of which £4,847 15s 6d is set down in respect of donations from Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals, and £1,009 6s 9d for annual subscriptions; Dividends on Government Stock £532 8s 3d, proceeds of a legacy of £50 from the late Bro. W. Brooks Gates £45, and a small casualty. The expenditure reached £5,560 11s 5d, but as in the Male Fund two items alone suffice to account for the bulk of this outlay. These are the annuitants who received among them £3,545 10s, and the purchase of £1,000 3 per cent. Consols which accounts for a further £940. As these together amount to £4,585 10s, there was expended for management the sum of £975 1s 5d. The four principal items, namely, Salary of Secretary and Clerk, Collector's Commission, Stationery, &c., and Postage, &c., including expenses of election, represent an aggregate of £685 15s 9d, leaving £289 5s 8d to be distributed under the various heads of Secretary's Provincial Expenses, Medicine, Matron, Repairs, Fire Insurance, and the like, and including £50 for gratuity to Mrs. Lane, and £18 for office rent. If, then, we take the two Funds together, for the purpose of arriving at the total expenditure of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for the year, we find the figures are as follow:—Balance on 1st April 1876 £5,167 5s 1d, Sums received, including from Grand Lodge £800, from Grand Chapter £150, from Craft £11,913 4s 3d, for interest £1,361 17s 2d— together amounting to £14,288 6s 8d. Total Receipts £19,455 11s 9d. Total Expenditure—including for annuities £3,496 10s, for purchase of £3,000 stock £2,820, and for management £2,043 13s 5d—£13,360 3s 5d. Thus there remained on 31st March 1877 a total balance of £6,095 8s 4d. Then there is the Sustentation of Building Fund Account, which opened with a balance of £6 18s 7d. The interest of the £1,000 stock set apart for this Fund raised the receipts to £36 18s 7d, and as the expenditure only amounted to £9 14s 3d for repairs, there remained a balance of £27 4s 4d; and if we add this to the balance, as stated above, of the Male and Female Funds, the total balance to the credit of the Institution amounts to £6,122 12s 8d.

As regards the permanent income on which the Institution has to rely for support, this amounts to £2,341 7s 2d, of which £950 are contributed by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter together, while the rest is interest on moneys invested in Government Stock, of which investments there is to the credit of the Male Fund £28,950 Government Stock, to that of the Female Fund £18,450, and to the Sustentation of Building Fund £1,000; total investments, £48,400, all Government Stock. As regards the number of beneficiaries, we may say that last year there were 130 men and 110 widows borne on the funds of the Institution, but owing to the magnificent result of the last Festival, it was determined to place an additional 15 men and 15 women on the respective funds. Thus there are now 145 male and 125 female beneficiaries, besides thirteen widows who are entitled to receive each a moiety of her late husband's annuity for a certain term of years, surrendering it, however, in the event of election on the fund. In order to meet this annual expenditure, to which the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution now stands committed, there will have to be raised annually for annuities alone, no less than £10,035, and as the management costs, apart from repairs,

&c., over £2,600, there must be provided, in order to cover the normal annual expenditure, quite £12,500. The permanent income is, as we have said, £2,341 and some odd shillings and pence, or less than one-fifth. Need we say more, by way of conclusion, than that, under the circumstances, the Craft are bound in honour to contribute at least £10,000 towards the support of this Charity, or—but we do not care, in such a case as this, to contemplate the possibility of there being an “or.” Our readers know well enough what must happen if the sum we have stated is not forthcoming annually.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. S. Rawson, D.G.M. China, in the chair. The Sec., Bro. R. W. Little, read the minutes of the General Committee, which were read and adopted. The nominations for the General Committees were read and adopted. The nominations of the members to serve on the House and Audit Committees were also read. The notice of motion proposed at the last meeting, by Bro. Dr. Ramsay, in reference to the bad accommodation at the Secretary's office, was seconded by Bro. Kenyon, and supported by Bros. J. Smith, J. R. Rucker, and Rev. Bro. Cox. This was carried unanimously. Four candidates were placed on the list. A letter was read from Bro. Colonel Creaton V.P., stating his regret at not being present, owing to his military duties requiring him at Aldershot. The scrutineers reported the result of the election for the House Committee as follows:—Bros. John Boyd, H. Browse, H. A. Dubois, Benjamin Head, Peter de Lande Long, Joshua Nunn, Lieut.-Colonel Peters, J. A. Rucker, Griffiths Smith, A. H. Tattershall, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, and T. W. White. The result of the Audit Committee was as follows:—Bros. J. G. Chancellor, H. Dicketts, T. Kingston, H. C. Levander, H. M. Levy, J. Nunn, W. Paas, W. Roebuck, and R. B. Webster. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. S. Rawson, for his able and impartial presiding, and the meeting was adjourned. There were present—Bros. Sir Albert Woods, John Boyd, H. Browse, B. Head, Lieut.-Colonel Peters, Dr. Ward, J. Last, R. B. Webster, Pierce Egan, Barnes, J. Stevens, Roebuck, C. E. Lacey, W. Venn, Waters, H. A. Dubois, R. W. Stewart, Captain J. Wordsworth, F. Adlard, Murlay, H. Massey, J. C. Parkinson, John Hervey, T. J. Sabine, C. Moutrie, W. Howe, B. Swallow, Nicols, J. Pinder, J. Coutts, L. Ruff, H. Dicketts, Elliot, W. H. Hemsworth, Rev. P. M. Holden, G. Kenning, C. F. Burmeister, Dr. Ramsay, A. H. Tattershall, T. Cubitt, &c.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the late Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Monday last, Bro. Capt. H. A. Bennett G.S. in the chair. Bro. R. W. Little, the Hon. Sec., stated the result of the Annual Festival, when the R.W. Lord Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk, occupied the chair. He announced that there were 169 Stewards, and 137 ladies were present. 279 brethren dined. The donations amounted to £9,828 3s. It was announced that the Stewards' visit to the Institution and the Distribution of Prizes would take place on the 18th of June. In connection with the Stewards' fees, a sum of £31 10s included a day's recreation at the Crystal Palace. After the payment of all matters in connection with the Festival, a sum of £38 was left, and Bro. H. M. Levy proposed that the sum in question be presented to the Hon. Sec., Bro. Little. On former occasions, where a balance was left, he had generously given it to the Institution, but whilst labouring under many difficulties, Bro. Little had succeeded in getting a large amount for the Festival, and his services in connection with the Institution deserved the commendation of every brother. This was seconded by Bro. Newland, and Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D. supplemented it. He entirely endorsed the remarks of the former speakers. He only regretted that the balance in hand was not double the amount, as Bro. Little well deserved it. He had contributed to the success of the Institution. Bro. Philbrick then proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for his able and impartial presidency. Capt. Bennett G.S. thanked the brethren for their vote. He thought it necessary, before the Stewards separated, that a cordial vote of thanks should be recorded to Bro. R. W. Little for his great and untiring efforts, and also

for his zeal in connection with the Institution. In conclusion, he hoped Bro. Little would have renewed health and vigour to continue his duties as the Secretary of this noble Institution. Bro. Little returned thanks, and the final meeting of the Stewards of 1877 ended, with the hope of still greater success to the Institution—owing to the accession of new Lodges—in 1878. There were present Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., T. Massa, E. Stamwitz, Newland, W. Buck, R. B. Webster, J. Bingemann, Dr. Brette, G. Allen, F. Rath, S. Cooper, and H. M. Levy.

It is announced, in the *Masonic Record of Western India*, that at the meeting of the Eastern Star Lodge, No. 1189, held at the Masonic Temple, Bombay, on the 19th March, a Past Master's jewel and clothing, together with a silver cup and salver, of exquisite Cashmere workmanship, were presented to Bro. Sorabjee Navarojee Cooper I.P.M., for his eminent services to the Lodge during his Mastership in 1875-6. The testimonial was presented by Bro. Hon. James Gibbs, Dist. G. Master. The day following, Bro. Gibbs presided in the St. George Lodge, No. 549, and installed Bro. Tyrrell Leith as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Leith appointed and invested as his officers Bros. W. A. Baker S.W., J. M. Sleater J.W., Lyon S.D., Balfour J.D. and Treasurer, Langley I.G., and J. W. Seager Tyler, the W.M. himself undertaking the duties of Secretary. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Gibbs and his assistants for the able manner in which they had performed the Installation Ceremony, and subsequently a P.M.'s jewel was voted to the retiring W.M. Bro. Dr. Lyon.

Last month, *La Monde Maçonnique*, which was published in 1858, entered on the nineteenth year of its existence. We trust this journal will go on as prosperously as heretofore. We cannot endorse all the views to which our French contemporary is pleased to give utterance, but we know it works conscientiously for the advancement of Freemasonry. It has, therefore, our most profound respect, even when we feel least disposed to concur with the views it enunciates.

We gather, from the *Australian Freemason*, that on the 15th March, Bro. Past Dist. G. Master J. Williams was elected District G. Master of New South Wales in succession to Bro. A. T. Holroyd resigned, by a majority of thirty votes over Bro. E. O. Smith Dep. District G. Master, the votes recorded being for Bro. Williams 73, and for Bro. Smith 43.

We acknowledge, with fraternal thanks, a copy of the very handsome programme of the service in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church attended by the Hanselmann Commandery, No. 16, Cincinnati, on Ascension Day. Sir Knight John B. Peaslee is the Eminent Commander of it, and the editor of our esteemed contemporary, the *Masonic Review*, Sir Knight Thomas J. Melish is Prelate.

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

- 1668.—Samson Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1669.—Royal Leopold Lodge, Camberwell.
- 1670.—Adelphi Lodge, Strand.
- 1671.—Mizpah Lodge, Aldersgate Street.
- 1672.—Morningson Lodge, Suaresbrook.
- 1673.—Langton Lodge, Queen Victoria Street.
- 1674.—Caradoc Lodge, Rhyl, Flintshire.
- 1675.—Antient Briton Lodge, Liverpool.
- 1676.—St. Nicholas Lodge, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
- 1677.—Crusaders' Lodge, Clerkenwell.
- 1678.—Tonbridge Lodge, Tonbridge, Kent.
- 1679.—Henry Muggeridge Lodge, Dalston.
- 1680.—Comet Lodge, Dingo Creek, Queensland.
- 1681.—Londesborough Lodge, Regent Street.
- 1682.—Tamworth Lodge, Tamworth New South Wales.
- 1683.—Geraldton Lodge, Champion Bay, Western Australia.
- 1684.—Carnarvon Lodge, Richmond, Natal.
- 1685.—Guelph Lodge, Leytonstone.
- 1686.—Paxton Lodge, Sydenham.
- 1687.—Rothesay Lodge, Lincolns Inn Fields.
- 1688.—Buxton Lodge, Buxton, Derby.
- 1689.—Lazar Lodge, Kennard, Westland, N.Z.
- 1690.—Phoenix Lodge, Westport, Westland, N.Z.
- 1691.—Quadratic Lodge, Hampton Court.
- 1692.—Hervey Lodge, Hayes, Kent.]

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

GRAND Lodge will meet on Wednesday next, 6th June 1877. The following is the business to be transacted:—

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th March for confirmation.
2. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 25th April for confirmation.
3. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.
4. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.
5. Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."

6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Virtue and Silence, No. 332, Hadleigh	£75
A Brother of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 206, London	£100
The Widow of a Brother of the Old Dundee Lodge, No. 18, London	£150
The Widow of a Brother of the Burlington Lodge, No. 96, London	£100
A Brother of the Fitz-Roy Lodge, No. 569, London	£50
A Brother of the Polish National Lodge, No. 531, London	£50
A Brother of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, London	£150
The Widow of a Brother of the Welchpool Lodge, No. 993, Welchpool	£100
A Brother of the Nyanza Lodge, No. 1197, Ilminster	£75
The Widow of a Brother of the British Kaffrarian Lodge, No. 863, Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope	£50

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

(1.) It having been represented to the Board that a Brother had been raised to the third degree in twenty-five days only after having passed to the second degree, the circumstances were fully enquired into, and, in result, it was ordered that the Brother be re-obligated and the Lodge (No. 529) fined one guinea, and admonished to be more careful in future.

(2.) A complaint having been laid before the Board, alleging that a candidate had been initiated into Masonry by the W. Master of Lodge No. 820, whose name and description had not previously appeared in the Lodge Summons, as enjoined by the Book of Constitutions, such candidate being afterwards passed to the second degree in the face of a protest, the Lodge was duly summoned to appear before the Board by its Master and Wardens, with the Lodge Warrant and Books, and after the complaining Past Masters had been heard, as also the W. Master, I.P. Master and other Members, the Board arrived unanimously at the conclusion that not only was the Masonic offence fully proved, but so unsatisfactory a condition of things was found to exist in the Lodge, that the Board suspended it from all its Masonic functions for the space of six months, and directed that the candidate in question should be regularly initiated and passed before being entitled to Masonic position and privileges.

(3.) The Board of General Purposes further report that the number of the Trustees of the real property of Grand Lodge, originally ten, has become, by death and resignation, reduced to four, and the Board recommend that the original number be made up by Grand Lodge, and that it be referred back to the Board to take the necessary steps for vesting in them the real property of Grand Lodge.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON,
16th May 1877.

At the Meeting of the 16th May, after the ordinary business was concluded, it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the best thanks of the Members of the Board are eminently merited by the President for the great attention he has paid to the duties of the office, for the admirable manner in which he has discharged them, and the great courtesy and kindness he has on all occasions evinced to his colleagues, and they are therefore fraternally tendered to him.

(Signed) PETER DE LANDE LONG,
Vice-President.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 11th day of May instant, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £5,035 3s 5d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

8. Appeal of Bro. John Locke, W. Master of the Royal Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 867, Trinidad, against a sentence of expulsion from the Craft, pronounced upon him, and the erasure of the Lodge, by the District Grand Lodge of Trinidad.

N.B.—The papers relating to this Appeal will be in the Grand Secretary's Office till the Meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the Brethren during Office hours.

9. The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the

17th of May 1877, will be laid before Grand Lodge, and the following proposed alteration in the Rules which was then agreed to will, in accordance with the laws of the Institution, be submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge, viz.:—

To add to Law 1, page 15, after the words "husband's petition" the following:—"And in the event of a Widow marrying again and being again left a Widow, she shall still be eligible to be a candidate."

10. Proposed motion by W. Bro. Benjamin Head P.G.D.:—

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," to supply the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

CONSECRATION OF THE EBORACUM CONCLAVE, No. 137.

ON Tuesday last, at York, took place the very interesting ceremony of consecration of a Conclave of an Order whose traditional origin may be said to be intimately blended with the early history of the *quondam* "Capital of the North." Early in January of this year preliminary steps were taken by a few brethren residing in York, and a warrant having been obtained from the Grand Council, active efforts were made to get the Conclave into working order. Committees were appointed for the purpose of making preparations, and "Royal Oak Day" having been appointed as the date of consecration, everything was in order when the time arrived. It happened, rather unfortunately, that the consecration of the new Masonic Hall, at Grimsby, had been fixed for the same day, and the consequence was that several members of the Red Cross Order, belonging to the De la Pole Conclave, at Hull, who had previously accepted invitations to Grimsby, were debarred from being present. Notwithstanding this circumstance, however, there was a very good muster on the occasion, and the ceremonies passed off most favourably.

A party of Sir Knights from Sheffield, including Ill. Sir Knt. S. B. Ellis, Intendant General unattached, and several other members of the White Rose of York Conclave, arrived in York by an early train, and were received at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, by E. Sir Knt. T. B. Whythead, under whose guidance they spent some hours in viewing the more interesting of the archaeological relics which are so numerous in the ancient city. The Guildhall, a very fine old Gothic hall, erected in 1446, and which was used by the Freemasons on the occasion of the installation of the present Earl of Zetland as Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, in 1874, was first visited, after which the party proceeded to the Yorkshire Philosophical Society's Gardens, and inspected the ruins of St. Leonard's Hospital, founded by Athelstano (of Masonic fame), in 936, and rebuilt by King Stephen. Portions of the walls of ancient Eboracum afforded much interest, and the ruins of the Abbey of St. Mary, with the innumerable specimens of Masons' marks to be found on its stones, were greatly admired. The large collection of antiquities, and the geological collections of the Society, were not unnoticed, as well as the picturesque old palace erected by Henry VIII., and now used as a school for the blind. Thence, proceeding through Bootham Bar, the premises belonging to the York Lodge, No. 236, in Duncombe-street, were visited. The interior of the Lodge room, with its handsome decorations and appropriate arrangements, was the source of much admiration, and an examination of the large collection of Masonic engravings, &c., the property of the Lodge, occupied some little time. The noble Church of St. Peter of York was the next object of attraction, and the party there visited the ancient crypt, where the old operative Masons used to hold their Lodges, and where the remains of the old Saxon and Norman Churches, over which is erected the present Gothic pile, have been opened out for the benefit of the student of architecture; the unrivalled octagon Chapter House was also visited, and the party then passed through the ancient Ecclesiastical College of St. William, erected in the reign of Edward IV., and so to Monk Bar, the ancient barrier at the eastern entrance of the city, whence, proceeding through Goodramgate, the site of the palace of the Emperor Constantine, the Merchants' Hall in Fossgate was reached; it was in the handsome and quaint meeting-room of this Ancient Corporation of Merchant Adventurers that Francis Drake the historian, as Junior G.W., gave his oration, since reprinted, at a Grand Lodge on St. John's Day, the 27th December 1726, the Right Worshipful Charles Bathurst Esq. Grand Master. At Walmgate Bar the ancient outwork or barbican was the subject of much curiosity, together with the old gates and portcullis, which are still in existence. Thence the party proceeded, by way of the old city walls, dating about the time of Edward I., to St. George's Fields, on their way gaining a view of Clifford's Tower, erected by William the Norman, as the keep of the Castle of York. Crossing the river, the walls were again the route adopted, and a few minutes' walk brought the party to Micklegate-bar, the finest of the four chief gateways, and the arch of which is of Roman construction. Thus the circuit of the City was completed, and an adjournment was made to lunch, at the Queen's Hotel.

At three p.m. the Conclave was opened, by V.I. Sir Knight the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, E. Sir Knight Roddewig M.P.S. 120 acting as E.V.E. Ill. Sir Knt. S. B. Ellis as Grand Marshal, and other Knights from Hull and Sheffield occupying the several offices. Five candidates for the Order, having previously been elected, were then duly installed, and proclaimed Knights of the Order in ancient form. A procession was then formed in the ante-chamber, and the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with. At its completion, E. Sir Knt. T. B. Whythead and E. Sir Knt. Thos.

Cooper were respectively installed as M.P.S. and V.E. A vote of thanks to the consecrating officer and his assistants was carried by acclamation, and the Conclave was then closed. A sanctuary of K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John, in connection with the Conclave, under the title of the St. Peter Sanctuary, was then opened, and several Sir Knights were admitted to those degrees. At the conclusion of the proceedings the visiting Sir Knights were entertained at a banquet, at which the M.P.S. presided, supported by a number of officers, members and visitors. The following is a list of the officers of the Conclave:—Sir Knights J. Morgan Senior General, J. S. Cumberland Junior General, Rev. W. Valentino High Prelate, G. Simpson Recorder and Treasurer, C. G. Padel Prefect, G. Balmford Standard Bearer, A. T. B. Turner Herald, M. Millington and G. Renton First and Second Aides, H. Jackson Sentinel.

The following is a list of the Sir Knights present on the occasion, in addition to the officers of the Conclave and others already mentioned:—J. W. Woodall Past Inst. Genl. of North and East Yorkshire, Henry Preston V.E. 132, H. J. Barnett 120, J. E. Darling 120, J. Binney H.P. 120, A. G. Duncombe 132 and 137, W. S. Wade 120, H. Churchill 137, J. J. Boswell 137, E. Pullan 137, &c.

In the course of his remarks, in replying to the toast of "Prosperity to the Eboracum Conclave," the M.P.S. took occasion to remark that the inauguration of the Conclave had been most auspicious. Amongst its members it numbered the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Grand Viceroy of England, the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Grand Senior General of England and Intendant General for North and East Yorkshire, Ill. Sir Knight J. W. Woodall, Past Intendant General for North and East Yorkshire, Ill. Sir Knight S. B. Ellis, Intendant General unattached, as well as a number of other well known and prominent Masons, and that there was every promise of a very happy future. He thought that around that table, and comprising the officers of that Conclave was such a nucleus as might bode well for the coming existence of the Order in York. Regarding the close connection between the history of the Order and that of the ancient city in which they were then stationed, the event of the day became doubly interesting, and from the interest that had been manifested in many quarters in the initiation of the movement which had resulted in the meeting of the day, and from the very kind and fraternal feeling that had been exhibited, both East and West of York, he felt convinced that the pathway of the Eboracum Conclave was already marked out for it, and that everything augured well for a prosperous and pleasant future.

BAYARD LODGE, No. 1615.

INSTALLATION meeting, Monday, 28th May 1877, at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square. Present—Lt. Col. H. S. Somerville Barney P.M., P.P.G.D. of Essex, W.M., Captain R. P. Leeson S.W., Alfred E. T. Watson J.W., Rev. R. J. Simpson M.A. P.G. Chap. as Chaplain, Captain Charles Hunter P.M. 755, P.G.M. Aberdeenshire East as P.M., Frank Richardson P.M. 14 as Treasurer, Captain W. F. Portlock Dadson R.B.G. as Secretary, Captain C. F. Compton S.D., Robert D. Fyers J.D., Francis C. Compton as Organist, The Chevalier Habicht P.M. 197, Captain N.G. Philips P.M. 1383, G.S.D., Major Shadwell H. Clerke P.M. W.M. 1383, P.P.S.G.W. Devon, John Hervey G.S., Hugh H. Riach P.M., Major George Barlow S.W. 1383, Captain T. Morris P.M., John Shadwell P.M. P.G.S. Deacon Somerset, Captain Henry Lumsden, Herr Edward Sauerbrey, Walter B. Lethbridge, S. H. d'Avigdor, Arthur White, Major J. G. Skene, Frederic la C. Thorne, Edmund B. Bernard, Vavasour Sandford M.D., Captain W. Oughton Giles, Captain H. S. Andrews, Rev. G. Sutton Flack M.A., Lieut. G. la C. Egerton R.N., W. Bezly Thorne, Rev. Hugh Pearson B.A., C. P. Kempe, Captain Stewart J. Dyer, Frederic Calrow, Lieut.-Colonel Bousfield M.P., William Rogers, Dr. Rudolph C. Messel, B. Lancaster Rose, Captain Murray Robertson. Visitors—Bro. J. B. Monckton President Board of General Purposes, Thomas Fenn P.G. Deacon, the Right Hon. Lord Inverurie, No. 1, Scotland, W. H. Hood, No. 1, Scotland, T. W. Gordon 523, Scotland, Colonel Randolph J.W. 1383, George L. Eyles 1383, J. Lewis Thomas P.M. 142, F. H. McCalmont 130, P.P.G.R. Oxon., George Coyte 8, W. A. Barrett St. Andrews, Colonel Maydwell P.M. 1216, W. E. Stewart P.M. 140, Charles Dickens P.M. 969, F. H. Haynes P.M. 284, H. Massey P.M. 619, Peter de L. Long G.S.D., A. Sadler P.M. 14, &c., &c. The minutes having been read and confirmed, letters regretting inability to attend were read from Bros. the R.W. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G. Master, the Earl of Donoughmore P.G.S. Warden, Sir Thomas Dyer, the Rev. C. J. Ridgeway, E. T. R. Tenison P.M., Capt. E. Cecil Johnson, the Chevalier Lloyd K.S.G., &c. Bro. the Rev. Hugh Pearson, B.A., was raised to the 3rd degree. Bros. Dr. Rudolph C. Messel and William Rogers were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and after ballot, Captain W. Oughton Giles, 1st Royal Lanark Militia, and Dr. Vavasour Sandford, late of the Royal Navy, were initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Somerville Burney P.M. P.P.G.D. of Essex. The report of the Audit Committee was read and approved, showing receipts £638 9s, against expenditure £624 0s 11d, and a balance of £6 0s 3d on the Charity account, after making several donations to special cases well recommended. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Captain R. P. Leeson, was most ably performed by the retiring W.M., and after he had been duly saluted, he appointed his officers as follow:—Bros. Captain R. P. Leeson W.M., Lieut.-Colonel H. Somerville Burney I.P.M., Alfred E. T. Watson S.W., Robert D. Fyers J.W., Frank Richardson Treasurer, Captain W. F. Portlock Dadson, Secretary, Major F. C. Wemyss S.D., Francis C. Compton J.D., Rev. C. J. Ridgeway, M.A., Chaplain, Captain C. F. Compton D.C., Herr Edward Sauerbrey Organist, W. Bezly Thorne I.G., Captain S. J. Dyer Steward, Arthur White Steward, George Austin Tyler. On the proposition of the W.M., a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Colonel Somerville Burney, for his great services in the

chair, and in founding the Lodge, and was presented to him, for which he returned thanks. On the proposition of Bro. Riach, a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Frank Richardson P.M., for his services as acting Past Master and Treasurer of the Lodge, and was presented to him by the W.M., for which he returned thanks. A beautifully embroidered alms bag was presented to the Lodge by Bro. Frank Richardson P.M. The annual banquet took place at the Café Royal, 68 Regent-street, upwards of 50 brethren being present.

This Lodge was consecrated 17th May 1876, by R. W. Bro. the Earl of Limerick P.G.M. Bristol. Lt.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney P.M., P.G.S.D. of Essex, first W.M. It now numbers 78 members, of whom 29 have been initiated in the year, or one less than could have been made by the Constitutions at the six regular meetings. These include 1 Peer, 1 Count, 1 Baronet, 2 Chevaliers, 2 M.P.'s, 1 Ex-M.P., 5 Priests, 5 Justices of the Peace, 17 holding University or Literary Degrees, and 38 who hold, or have held, Commissions in the Army, Navy, or Militia. Donations have been made of one hundred guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, one hundred guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and £50 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, qualifying the Lodge as a Vice-President of all the Charities, a thing never done before by any Lodge in its first year of existence. The lists of the W.M. for these Charities were large ones, one member giving an annual subscription of five guineas to each of the three Charities.

The Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, met at the Masonic Hall, Oxford, on Tuesday, 29th May, at 7 p.m., for initiations and other business. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. W. E. Sackville-West M.A., P. Prov. G. Sup. W. Oxon W.M.

The Philips Chapter Rose Croix met at the Athenæum, Lancaster, on Wednesday, 30th May, at 8 p.m. Bro. W. J. Sly 18° M.W.S.

The Vernon Chapter Rose Croix met at Birmingham, on Friday, 1st June, at 3 p.m., for the perfection of candidates, and the installation of the M.W. Sov. for the ensuing year. Bro. Richard T. Horley M.W. Sov.

The Canute Chapter Rose Croix met at Southampton on Monday, 28th May, when one candidate was duly perfected in the 18°.

The Friends-in-Council Lodge, No. 1383, will meet at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Tuesday, 5th June 1877, at 3 p.m., for the initiation of candidates, and the election of the W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Major Shadwell H. Clerke P.P. S.G.W. Devon W.M.

The Studholme Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 197, will meet at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Thursday, 7th June 1877, at 4.45, for the reception of candidates. R.W. Bro. Lieut.-General J. Studholme Brownrigg C.B. W.M.

The Royal Bruce Chapter of the Royal Order of Scotland will be consecrated at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Monday, 11th June.

The Musical Fête of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, will take place in the gardens of Worcester College, Oxford, on Wednesday, 13th June.

A Meeting of the Degree of Royal and Select Masters will be held at the Café Royal, 68 Regent-street W., on Friday, 15th June, at 5.30 p.m., for the reception of candidates. Bro. the Rev. G. Raymond Portal M.P.G.M.

The Bayard Chapter Rose Croix will meet at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Tuesday, 12th June, at 5 p.m., for the perfection of candidates, and the election of the M.W.S. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Ill. Bro. Colonel Somerville Burney 31° M.W.S.

The St. George Chapter Rose Croix will meet at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Thursday, 14th June, at 5 p.m., for the perfection of candidates. Bro. E. J. Castle 18° M.W.S.

The Oxford University Chapter Rose Croix will meet at the Masonic Hall, Frewen-court, Oxford, on Saturday, 2nd June, at 8 p.m., for the perfection of candidates, and the election of the M.W.S. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. W. E. Sackville West 31° M.W.S.

THE MACE FUND.

THE Treasurer of the Dorcas Benevolent Society acknowledges, with many thanks, the following donations received in answer to the appeal of the 14th May:—

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Bro. W. W. Burrell	3	3	0
„ Rev. F. King, M.A. 30°	2	2	0
„ C. Stephens J.D.	2	0	0
„ C. Silber	1	1	0
„ Sir Thomas Dyer, Bart., 18°	1	1	0
„ E. E. Wendt	1	1	0
„ G. F. Gottlieb	1	0	0
„ Major-General E. K. Money, 31°	1	0	0
„ I. J. Hooper Wilkins, 18°	0	10	6

Further donations are asked to enable him to complete his University course, and will be thankfully received by the Treasurer, Captain Dadson, 33 Golden-square, W., or Bro. F. Binckes, Freemasons' Hall. The Trustees of the Fund are Bros. W. Paas and B. Head.

REVIEWS.

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The Prince of Wales' Tour: A Diary in India; with some account of the Visits of His Royal Highness to the Courts of Greece, Egypt, Spain, and Portugal. By William Howard Russell. With illustrations by Sydney P. Hall, M.A., Artist in the Suite of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. London: Sampson Low, Marston, Searle and Rivington, Crown-buildings, 188 Fleet-street. 1877.

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TOWARDS three o'clock in the afternoon of the day in which the royal travellers reached Bombay, the preparations for the reception of Lord Northbrook on board the *Serapis* were completed, and soon a salute from a shore battery, taken up by the ships of the two squadrons, announced that Her Majesty's Viceroy had embarked. On boarding the ship, his Excellency was conducted by Lord Suffield to the Prince, who received him very cordially, and the two introduced to each other the several members of their respective suites. About half an hour later the Governor General of Bombay, Sir Philip Wodehouse, and the Commander-in-Chief, Sir Charles Staveley, went on board, and were received in an equally ceremonious manner, but Sir Philip did not long remain, having to return to the dockyard to join the party awaiting the Prince's landing. At length the moment had come when His Royal Highness should first set foot on Indian soil. A number of boats containing his suite preceded the royal barge, and, writes Mr. Russell, "looking back from one of these, a noble pageant, lighted up by a declining sun, met the eye—the hulls of the fleet, bright streamers and banners, long rows of flags from yard to yard and mast to mast, white boats, a flotilla of steam-launches, gigs, pinnaces, and a crowd of on-lookers hastening fast as oar could send them in wake of the royal barge to the Dockyard." But brilliant as was the water pageant, the scene in the Dockyard must have eclipsed it. Where ordinarily was to be seen only a common-place and very ugly landing, appeared "a vast triumphal arch, spanning the water-way between two piers, but gay with banners, branches and leaves, and with decorations of palm and cocoa-nut." But the scene beneath this arch was "perhaps the most strange and picturesque assemblage ever seen of late days in any part of the world." There were long lines of benches, covered with the inevitable scarlet-cloth, and the same material was laid along the avenue as far as the gate where the carriages were waiting. But it was the occupants of the benches who lent the scene its strange appearance. There were "Chiefs, Sirdars, and native gentlemen of the Presidency, multitudes of Parsees, rows of Hindoos, Mahrattas, and Mahomedans," "a crowd glittering with gems," and presenting "the appearance of bright enamel, or of a bed of gay flowers, agitated by a gentle breeze." In addition, were the officers of government, the Municipal body of Bombay, all the naval and military officers who could be spared, and various other dignitaries, and "all the ladies who could be found within the radius of some hundreds of miles, and who had hastened to greet the Prince with their best smiles and bonnets." When the Prince had landed, Mr. Russell tells us "the anxiety of the chiefs to see him was almost painful," and "for once, they were much agitated, and the proudest departed from the cover of their habitual reserve."

They had some difficulty in identifying him, but when they did so, "the frankness of his smile, and the candid look with which he surveyed them," produced a favourable impression. Of course, sundry addresses were presented, to each of which the Prince vouchsafed a suitable reply. Then as he passed along, he shook hands with most of the chiefs, being especially gracious to the younger ones. The procession had an apparently interminable distance to traverse, and Mr. Russell considers it would have been better had there been more music and a greater military display. As to the scene thus presented along the route, Mr. Russell writes: "There was something almost supernatural in those long vistas, winding down banks of variegated light, crowded with gigantic creatures tossing their arms aloft, and indulging in extravagant gesture, which the eye—baffled by rivers of fire, blinded with the glare of lamps, blazing magnesium wire, and pots of burning matter, sought in vain to penetrate." And a little further on he writes thus:—

"Windows filled with Parsee women—matrons, girls, and children—the bright hues of whose dresses, and the brilliancy of whose jewels, emulated the coloured fires burning along the pavement—scarcely attracted one's notice before it was challenged by the next house, filled with a crowd of devout Mahomedans, or by a Hindoo temple opposite, with its Brahmins and its votaries, on steps and roof; flanked appropriately by a Jew bazaar, or by an Armenian store, or by the incongruity of a European warehouse; or was solicited by the grotesque monitors on a Jain Temple. For if the changes in the chess board are so numerous as to furnish matter for profoundest calculations, the extraordinary varieties of race and population in Bombay present endless subjects for study."

At length, however, Parell House, where the Prince was to stay, was reached, and then came, to crown the labours of the day, a long official banquet. The record for the following day begins with a neat little sketch of life in India.

"Once more in a tent, with black faces all around me! People and trees and surroundings all different—mango trees and mango birds, the gold mohur-tree, cocco nut and toddy trees (*Borassus flabelliformis*), the wheeling kites overhead—higher still, the soaring vultures—the cry of the great woodpecker, and the chattering of the familiar minar; a new land, but a glance revealed that you were in India, and you felt it too. There is the Headquarters' barber, in a great red Mahratta turban, waiting outside—a handsome, smooth-faced fellow, who makes his English go a long way, and who is a

master in his art, though his fingers are deadly cold, and he is for his trade overfond of garlic. Him, be sure, you will never lose sight of as long as you are in India. There is the bheestie with his water-skin ready to fill your tub. There is the syce with your horse outside, if you are minded for a morning ride. There is the sweeper hovering in the distance, the khelassies or tent-pitchers awaiting orders, the khitmatgar with a cup of coffee, and the Bombay 'boy'—in my case one Jivan—a slight, quiet, demure-looking man of forty or so—who has already taken possession of my property—boxes, bags, clothes, money and all—to the intense astonishment of Maclachlan, who would have resisted his assumptions by force, but that I told him it was the custom of the country. These and others. Each tent is a centre of existence to seven or eight of the people called 'Natives,' to whom you are for the time being lord and master. The impudent and irrepressible crows, which are already marking you for their own, are taking accurate note of your proceedings, and studying your character from the branches of the mango-tree overhead, and have been trying your patience by making a prodigious cawing and croaking on the top of your tent."

This being the first day of the Prince's visit, was devoted to the Chiefs. It happened, likewise, to be the anniversary of his birthday, and, consequently, the fatigue he had to endure was unusually great, while the ceremonies in which he was to play the leading part were novel, and must have been exceedingly tiresome. Thus, "the heat even at 8 a.m. was quite sufficient to warn us that we were in India, and yet the Prince was obliged to wear a uniform of European cloth, laden with lace and buttoned up to the throat, and to stand and sit for hours, going through the same kind of labour with each of the Rajas whom he received, who, after a time, must have appeared very much like the same people who had just left the room and were coming back again—figures lighted up with jewels, followed by crowds in white robes and gay head-dresses." In the audience-chamber where the chiefs were received, the preparations were very gorgeous. Servants in scarlet and gold surcoats and turbans were ranged along the room. For the Prince had been prepared a silver throne; behind it were four servitors, two with peacocks' feathers and horse-tails, and two with broad fans; and ranged along the wall, to the left and right of it were twenty-four chairs, with a second row behind. But the most important of all was the carpet, which plays so conspicuous a part in these Eastern Durbars—on this occasion, however, the visits were considered as private—a purple or crimson cloth with gold lace borders, and in the centre an emblazonment of the Royal Arms and motto in full. We need not, however, dwell long on the scene, gorgeous and ever-varying as it was as regards the visitors, albeit its general aspect was one of sameness. The first visitor was the Rajah of Kohlapoor, a boy of twelve years old. "He was attired in purple velvet and white muslin, and was encrusted with gems. His turban was a wealth of pearls and rubies; his neck like an array of the show-cases of some great jeweller." He was accompanied by his Sirdars "in their Oriental bravery of shawls, jewels, and tissue of gold." Then came the Maharajah of Mysore, a boy of thirteen—"The jewels which literally hung on him must be of enormous value. One stone of the many of his necklace is said to be worth nine lacs of rupees. . . . He wore a coat of black velvet. His neck, wrists, arms, and ankles, were encircled with strings of pearls, diamonds, and rubies. His turban was graced with an aigrette of brilliants of large size, and a large tuft of strings of big pearls and emeralds hung down on his shoulder from the top." The third to appear, we are told, according to Sir Thomas Roe, is descended from Porus, and is described as tall, good-looking, and very fair, very dignified in his carriage and manners, and seemingly conscious of his origin. "He was dressed all in white—turban, robe, and pantaloons. But on his head-dress there was an aigrette of magnificent diamonds, and he exhibited on his neck and on his arms some great pearls and rubies, and his gold sash was ornamented with a buckle set with the finest brilliants. His sword-hilt and sheath were richly studded with precious stones." The Sirdars, who accompanied him were even more gorgeous. Of the other chiefs may be mentioned the Rao of Cutch, who had made a long and painful journey in order to see the Prince for just a few moments, and indeed only returned to his state to die; and the young Gaekwar of Baroda, whom the Paramount Power placed on the throne. He is described as "a small, delicately-framed lad for his twelve years and more, with a bright pleasant face. He was weighted, head, neck, chest, arms, fingers, ankles, with such a sight and wonder of vast diamonds, emeralds, rubies, and pearls, as would be worth the loot of many a rich town." He was accompanied by Sir Madhava Rao, who is regent during the little Gaekwar's sovereignty, and of whose career a short, yet interesting sketch, is given. The Nizam of Hyderabad was unable to pay his homage in person on account of his feeble health, but a deputation, headed by Sir Salar Jung G.C.S.I., his Prime Minister, attended. Many other chiefs were received, and we should imagine the Prince was heartily glad when the receptions were at length ended. But the work of the day was not yet ended. The crews of the *Serapis* and *Osborne* were celebrating the Prince's birthday, His Royal Highness having made special provision for this, so that a visit to the former was included in the programme. Then, in the evening, there were the illuminations of the city and fleet to be inspected, and an extremely grand display was made. Following this, a State banquet was given by Governor Sir Philip Wodehouse in honour of the happy event. Last of all, came a reception, which was attended by many of the chiefs. On the next day the Prince received the minor chiefs, after which he held a kind of levee at the "Secretariat" or Government buildings, where he spent an hour in bowing to the two thousand, more or less, of native gentlemen, who passed before him. Then came the Children's Fête. "Boys and girls of all castes, classes, and creeds, dressed in the most brilliant colours, were collected under their various teachers, to the number of 7,000, with banners flying, and insignia denoting the schools to which they belonged, driving one again for comparison to the oft-used image of wide-spread banks of flowers in full bloom; and these were in full bloom, if not with ruddy cheeks, at least with that peculiar light and glow which indi-

cate youth and health in this part of the world, and with an intensity of eye which, except in Spain and Italy, is not seen out of India; and as the Prince, almost with difficulty, made his way up to the elevated stand, where he was to hear the song in his honour, and to present himself to the little multitude, the cries, the cheers, and hurrahs which arose, indicated their possession of excellent lungs. Finally, he was almost smothered in garlands and wreaths of flowers." This must have been one of the most agreeable of the innumerable episodes which marked his progress through India. The evening was devoted to paying return visits to the chiefs, and on this occasion, most of the restraint which had been felt by the latter on visiting the Prince, had disappeared altogether. The Byculla Ball, which was a brilliant scene, closed the proceedings of the day. Under date of 11th of November, we have a graphic description of Indian juggling. Then more return visits, and then the entertainment given by the City of Bombay to the two thousand sailors of the fleet. The Prince visited the gallant tars during their entertainment. How he was received will be best given in the narrator's own words:—

"And to hear these two thousand sailors cheer when they saw the Prince of Wales enter and advance to the centre of the caurvas hall, all draped with flags, was great comfort in itself—a sort of marine assurance that there was, without Chauvinism, no want of the old stuff which some think thinned and worn out by chafing innovation! No wonder the Prince wanted to see them as they saw him, and so he called for a chair to stand upon, and mounting the plank with a glass in his hand, exclaimed, 'My lads!'—such a combination of roar and laugh as broke out at this!—'my lads! I am glad to meet you all! I drink your good health and a happy voyage home.' Well, it would be very difficult to say what these two thousand men would not have tried to do at the Prince's bidding when he spoke these words. I am glad their only task was to keep quiet and get on board, and that they did in the most orderly fashion—albeit they put the wreaths of flowers on their necks, and ornamented their caps with the little flags which graced the table. There never were better behaved fellows, not only at the vast feast spread in immense tents, wherein tables had no time to groan under beef, pudding and beer, and had to bear a good deal of dancing all during the festivities, but in the streets."

The other event of the day was the laying the foundation-stone of the Elphinstone Dock with Masonic honours. Of this Mr. Russell gives only a passing notice, remarking that "the only mistake lay, perhaps, in inviting the chiefs to come and see, and placing them where they could not see anything;" and further, that "it was a surprise to the ignorant to see Parsee, Mahomedan, and Hindoo members of the Craft, but they were there in considerable numbers." All passed off well, and the stone was laid amid general rejoicing. The day was brought to an end, after more return visits, with another grand dinner and reception at Parell. On the 12th of the month, the Prince was entertained in the evening at a banquet in the caves of Elephanta, after which came an inspection of the different chambers of the Temple, and fireworks, amid which he left on his return to Parell. On the 13th the Prince set out on an excursion to Poonah, passing en route Kirkee, where was fought the battle in which the British had overthrown the Mahratta Empire some fifty-eight years previous. Arrived at Poonah, there was a round of festivities—receptions, a ball, a visit to the famous temple of Parbuttee, and a review of the Division—the Prince returning to Bombay early on the 16th, and quitting it the 18th, on a visit to Baroda, which was reached the day following. Some anxiety had been expressed as to the propriety of paying this visit, having regard to the political complications of a short time previous, our dethronement of the Gaekwar's predecessor, and that many of the dethroned ruler's followers were likely to be in the neighbourhood. However Sir R. Meade was satisfied the visit might be safely made, and it was made. The Prince on reaching Baroda, by rail, found the little Gaekwar awaiting him at the station, and after a few minutes conversation, was conducted by the latter to the elephant which they were to mount together. This is described as "an elephant of extraordinary size; on his back was a howdah of surpassing splendour, which shone like burnished gold in the morning sun, and which was either made of gold or of silver gilt. It was covered with a golden canopy. This exquisitely finished carriage, reported to have cost four lakhs of rupees, was placed on cloth of gold and velvet cushions, fastened over the embroidered covering that almost concealed the outline of the great elephant, which stood swaying his painted proboscis to and fro as if he kept time to the music of the bands outside. His head was coloured of a bright saffron, and on this ground were traced quaint scrolls. His proboscis was especially ornamented in different coloured patterns, and his ears were stained of a pale yellowish green. His tusks had been sawn off to the length of three feet, and false tusks of greater diameter, also shortened, were wedged over them by bands of gold. His painted legs were encased in thick round coils of gold. The mahout was attired in a costume befitting such a gorgeous charge. Attendants stood by with state umbrellas, fans of peacocks' feathers, yaks' tails, and streamers of scarlet and cloth of gold, which they waved before the Prince, others held the silver ladder for him to ascend to the howdah." The Prince having been helped up, the Gaekwar and Sir Madhava Rao followed, and took their seats, the former by the side of his guest. Then, at the word to rise, "the mountainous creature swayed to and fro, and the Prince held on strenuously to the rail in front, while the animal was establishing itself on its forelegs." As the animal made its first stride, a salute of artillery was begun. Other elephants, gaudily, and in some cases as gorgeously attired, followed, and there was a line of elephants to clear the way, preceded by an advanced guard and escort of the 3rd Hussars, while in the rear was a half battery of Royal Artillery, a detachment of the 83rd Regiment, and troops of the Gaekwar, followed by a miscellaneous crowd of Parsees, Sirdars, Mahrattas, and others. On reaching the Residency, where the best arrangements had been made that circumstances would permit, the Gaekwar left for his Palace, after a Darbar at which the Sirdars were

presented, and the suite presented to the Gaekwar. In the afternoon the Prince returned the visit, traversing the city of Baroda for that purpose, there being a large crowd lining the route that was traversed, and several triumphal arches. He also paid a visit to the Gaekwar's mother, described as "an exceedingly engaging and graceful lady, not yet thirty years of age, with a pleasant face, bright eyes, and agreeable smile. Her hands and feet are particularly small and well-shaped." His Royal Highness then set out for the Agga, or arena for wild-beast combats, and here he witnessed in succession several wrestling bouts, combats between a pair of elephants, two rhinoceroses, and two buffaloes, the whole concluding with an exhibition of fighting rams, &c. In the evening he dined with the officers of the 9th Native Infantry. The following day, the Prince went on his first shikar party, there being a strong muster of sportsmen, together with some half-dozen cheetahs, and some fierce dogs of the Persian type. Towards the latter part of the day, the Prince tried stalking, and shot a fine buck, after which the party returned to Baroda, and dined with the officers of the 22nd Native Infantry. The next day a visit to the Gaekwar's palace, inspection of Crown jewels, and grand banquet; then another day's shooting, and then a return to Bombay, and then departure from the latter on board the Serapis on a visit to Goa.

Chapter VII. contains a highly interesting account of the visit to Ceylon. One great drawback to locomotion here is the leech, which abounds everywhere. At the outset the narrator experienced discomfort from these bloodsuckers. "A sharp prick above the ankle directed my attention downwards, and I saw a small black body, not much thicker than a pin, which gave decided signs of life, contracting and expanding itself vigorously from one point, just above the shoe. I caught hold of the little black thread in my hand, and pulled it away; where it had been a spot of blood appeared; in a second the leech fastened upon my finger. The place was swarming with the wretches. I had inadvertently walked on the greensward, populous with these bloodsuckers. I instantly fled, and resolved to wear shoes no more in these latitudes." A few pages further on we read, "Will you take this off my neck, if you please?" "Hang it! there's one on the calf of my leg!" They came wriggling and jumping along the grass. They must smell one's blood. If you stood on the gravel walk for a few moments, you could see them making their way from all parts of the surrounding country towards you as a common centre of interest. Most horrible of all their properties—they can stand erect on their tails and look out for what is coming." Among the objects of special interest which the Prince inspected was the "Sacred Tooth of Gotama Buddha," in a Wihara, or sacred chamber, in a tower adjoining the Malagawa Temple. While here also, the Prince enjoyed some elephant hunting, and brought down his first elephant in excellent style. On the return home, the carriage conveying His Royal Highness came to grief, and shot the occupants one against the other, but without doing any damage. On leaving Ceylon, Trincovelly, Trichinopoly, and Madras are successively visited, and among the sights at the last-named must be mentioned the Madras Races, and the illumination of the surf. On the 23rd December the Serapis reached Calcutta, and Lord Northbrook came off to welcome him as at Bombay. We need not dwell upon the events of the visit to the metropolis of our Indian empire, as they closely resemble those of which we have made mention, at Bombay. There were the receptions of the chiefs, and the return visits paid them; ceremonials almost as tiresome to record as to witness, but necessarily part and parcel of the Royal progress. Here, however, on New Year's day 1876, was held a Grand Chapter of the Order of the Star of India, at which the Prince, as representing Her Majesty, conferred the different degrees of the Order on different native chiefs and English officials. In the afternoon, His Royal Highness unveiled the statue erected in memory of the late Earl Mayo, and, later on, was present on the race course, as spectator of a Polo match, between the Calcutta and Manipuri players. On the 3rd January, the Prince's visit to the capital ended, and he left for the interior. The reception at the old fort of Ramnagar, by the Maharaja of Benares, was one of the most brilliant episodes in the whole journey. It is thus described:—

"The river-bank was blazing with the twittering of *feux de joie*; the air lighted up by the discharges of artillery from the ancient parapets; the battlements of the fort were illuminated. Silver flambeaux and torches were held by people on parapets, walls and river banks, which were as light as day. Preceded by mace bearers, spearsmen and banners, the Prince and the Maharaja were borne in gold and silver chairs, on men's shoulders, up the ascent from the river to the castle gate, between lines of matchlockmen and cavalry. Elephants, accompanied by wild music, marched on the left, shootee sowars rode on the right. Before the massive gateway, flanked by men in chain armour, the Maharaja's infantry presented arms. There, in the courtyard, was a line of elephants, bearing gold and silver howdahs. In another courtyard were assembled the retainers and the officials of the household, who received the Royal visitor with profound salaams. The Maharaja led the Prince upstairs, where, after the usual presentations and a short conversation, a long file of servitors laid examples of gold brocade, of the famed kinkob of Benares, Dacca muslin, and costly shawls at the Prince's feet, while the Maharaja sat, like a benevolent old magician in spectacles and white moustache, smiling in his hall, with his hands joined in a deprecating way as each tray was laid on the ground, as though he would say, 'Pardon that unworthy offering!' The Maharaja then conducted the Prince to a room, where other beautiful presents were laid out on tables. In a third room, a rich banquet was served, which was untouched."

At Lucknow, the Prince laid the foundation stone of the memorial to the native officers and soldiers who fell in the memorable defence of the Residency. When the ceremony was over, by a "happy unpremeditated thought," as Mr. Russell puts it, the Prince requested that the surviving veterans who were in attendance should be presented to him. The scene which followed was most touching. We read of one veteran "led in by his sons, nearly blind from a wound,"

who exclaimed, "Let me see him." The Prince, understanding what he meant, told the officers to permit him to approach. The veteran, with his hand to his turban at the salute came quite close, peered into the Prince's face, drew a deep sigh, and said, 'I thank Heaven I have lived to see this day and the Prince's face;' but when he felt that the Prince had taken his hand, he burst into tears, and was led sobbing away." Then came the visit to the Memorial at the Well of Cawnpore. Then Delhi was visited, where was held a grand review in honour of the occasion. Afterwards Lahore, Agra, Gwalior, and other famed cities were similarly honoured. Lastly, the Prince had the opportunity of enjoying some rare sport in the Nepaul jungle, under the conduct of the late Sir Jung Bahadour, tiger and elephant being the principal quarry. The reader will doubtless enjoy this part of the volume, as there is some of the best descriptive writing in it, and more than one exciting adventure. However, we feel it imperative to bring this notice to a conclusion. We have enjoyed reading it, and though it is inevitable that in books of this kind there should be a certain degree of monotony, yet this, our readers will well believe, in the skilful hands of Mr. Russell, is reduced to a minimum. The illustrations are numerous, and several of them are exceedingly happy; but we hardly think they are on a level with the requirements of such a work. Were they all of the same standard as that representing "The Pleasures of the Chase—Pad Elephant," "A War Dance at Delhi," or "Ceylon—the Dead Elephant," we should experience a greater amount of enthusiasm for the work of the artist. With these remarks, we take leave of one of the most interesting books of its kind which it has been our good fortune to read.

WHAT MIGHT BE.

IF we look over the written history of our Fraternity, we shall find that very shortly after the revival of 1717 in London, it was brought to this country, and finding congenial soil, it took root and grew, slowly at first, as was but natural in a sparsely settled country, and more vigorously when the colonies had become a nation, so that Ben. Franklin and his Lodge, at the Hoop, in Water-street, Philadelphia, have grown into ten thousand Lodges and more than half a million Masons. The end is not, for annually there is an increase in the number of the brethren and the family circles, called Lodges, where they meet and transact business. During the period of little more than a century in which the transformation from a handful to a vast army has taken place, we shall find that, apart from the mere routine, the reception of profanes, the making of laws and supervising their execution, the giving to the needy—of which we desire, in the spirit of the Institution, to make no boast, rather wishing that, in so far as that particular branch of our labour is concerned the right hand may not know what the left is doing—during this period we may say we have devoted ourselves to growing. We have so cared for our stewardship that its roots have deeply penetrated the soil, and its leaves and branches spread themselves abroad until in every state of humanity we find it represented, and within its grasp a power not equally possessed by any other human association, for the reason that within our assemblies there is nothing to arouse the divisions and animosities among men that naturally grow out of their varying opinions on matters pertinent to this or the other world—to this in the scramble for wealth, position, power; the heartburnings of rank and caste and station—to the other in that old battle between Armageddon and the rest, in which, as a general rule, you can only go to heaven if you see your way through my spectacles, or *vice versa*, you are sure to bring up in outer darkness if you look through your own. This at least then we have accomplished, that we have gathered together half a million intelligent men, not one of whom has given up or been expected to give up an idea of his religious faith, or of his political convictions, but yet who see for themselves that it is possible for men to entertain the most thoroughly opposite ideas, and yet recognise the fact that they are still men, and may live in accord, and work happily together for good, notwithstanding that they vote different tickets, or take different roads to reach the final rest. That in reaching this result we have been the disciples and exemplars of toleration in the largest and most beneficial way cannot be successfully contradicted, and this especially, because while we have no special faith to advocate neither have we any to oppose, and so leaving every one unmolested in the pursuit of what may be happiness to him, we are, so to speak, the custodians of a pleasant retreat, where men may forget for a time the world and its strife in the enjoyment of friendship and social communion unmarred by jarring incentives.

But the question presents itself, are we not capable as an organisation of more extended usefulness? Are we, considering the material of which our association is composed, exercising our real weight in the community and demonstrating, as we might do, the real value of associated effort? Every thinking man will at once say No—decidedly No. Take an illustration: Masonry has a literature, as witness its thousands of published volumes, from the balderdash of the parrot up to the effusions of the scholar and philosopher, and yet, except the mere manuals and guides to the ceremonial, we doubt whether any Masonic author ever got as much for his labour as he could have earned with a shovel in the same length of time. No Masonic journal has ever had more than a temporary success; not one has ever been permanently established, and there is not, to the best of our belief, one brother who has devoted himself to the literature of Masonry, to the instruction of the brethren, and to the championship of the Institution, who has not poverty for his reward. And yet, how different all this might be? If only one brother in ten would feel called by his pride in the Craft to remember the agency by which, more than all others, it has been enabled to resist the attacks of its enemies, and stand before the world as proudly as to-day it does, its power and security would be still further enhanced, and its servants have some brighter visions in the future than that of a pauper's grave.—*N. Y. Dispatch.*

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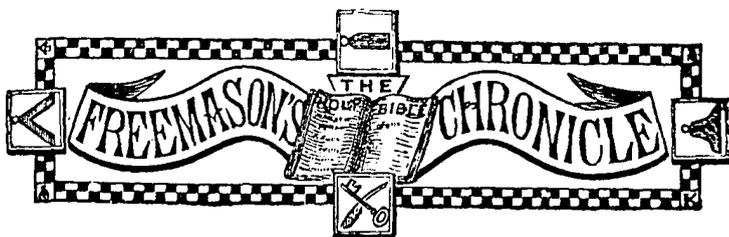
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

TO-DAY is fixed for the official celebration of Her Majesty's birthday, the actual anniversary having fallen on the 24th ult. Of course there will be the usual demonstrations of loyalty; for, though the day itself may be set apart for the purpose, there is not in England, as in some other countries, the slightest necessity for organising any periodical displays of affection for the sovereign who has so long and so ably ruled over us. There will be the usual parade at the Horse Guards, and a field-day on Woolwich Common, while in all garrison towns there will certainly be some kind of military display more or less effective. Then, in the evening, the streets at the West End will be thronged with sightseers, all anxious to see the illuminations. No doubt it will require careful steering to find one's way comfortably along such thoroughfares as Regent-street, Bond-street, and Piccadilly. We may reckon that Mr. Pogle, the tailor of Saville-row, will make as brilliant a display as in past years, that the clubs will be all ablaze with light, and indeed generally, that there will be plenty to see, and vast crowds to see it. The different ministers have already issued invitations for the customary banquet

this evening, so that from the highest to the lowest there will be ample opportunity for celebrating the auspicious event. Let us hope the Clerk of the Weather will be reasonably kind, and allow Londoners and their country cousins to enjoy themselves in their own way.

On Thursday last the Prince of Wales returned from his visit to Sir Hastings Doyle. The day following he lunched with the Prince and Princess Christian at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Park, dining in the evening with the Baron and Baroness Lionel de Rothschild at their residence in Piccadilly. On Saturday he was present with his two daughters at the Grand Military Concert at the Royal Albert Hall, in aid of the funds of the Royal Cambridge Asylum for Soldiers' Widows. On Tuesday, accompanied by Prince Christian, he honoured the Earl and Countess of Wilton with his presence at dinner, and on Wednesday he was at Epsom, and witnessed the great race of the year, as he has done almost regularly for many years. The Princess of Wales left Athens on Tuesday morning, accompanied by the King and Queen of Greece. On reaching Corinth, the latter were to take farewell, and the Princess was to continue her journey in the Osborne to Brindisi, whence she was to travel by rail the greater part of the way home. The Duchess of Edinburgh, is at Cobourg with her children. On Tuesday, Prince Leopold left Balmoral Castle for London, Oxford, and Boyton.

Even wars and rumours of war do not lessen to any appreciable extent the interest which the general public takes in the Derby. The race itself, perhaps, may not have been as attractive as in some years we remember, but the course was as thronged as ever, amongst the most illustrious of those who witnessed the contest for the Blue Riband of the turf being, as we have said, the Prince of Wales, with whom also was Prince Christian. Among others who flocked to the Downs were the Chinese Ambassadors, who probably did not understand the exact nature of the festivities it was their fortune to be spectators of. The roughness of an English crowd is not likely to commend itself to the grave dignitaries of the Celestial Empire. As regards the race itself, there was a field of seventeen, or two more than the number which ran last year. An excellent start was effected, and a good race ended in favour of Silvio, a Blair Athol colt, which passed the winning post first, by half a length, Glen Arthur obtaining second place, while Rob Roy was just three quarters of a length behind, Rhidorroch losing the honour of a place by a head only. The owner of the winning horse is Lord Falmouth, and this is the second occasion on which his lordship has secured this important prize.

It seldom happens that England has the opportunity of showing hospitality to a more illustrious visitor than General Grant, ex-President of the United States, who reached Liverpool on Monday afternoon, and has since arrived in London, where he will be the guest of the American Minister, Mr. Pierrpoint. General Grant received his education at West Point, but at the time the Civil War broke out between the Northern and Southern States he did not hold very high rank. He soon, however, showed his fitness for important commands, and in time achieved several important successes, especially the capture of Fort Donnelson and Vicksburg. When McClellan, Hooker, Burnside, Pope, and other Generals were successively beaten in their attempts against General Lee, President Lincoln summoned General Grant to take the command and after a series of desperate engagements, in which, it is hard to say, whether the stubborn determination of the Federal or the skill of the Confederate were the more admirable, he succeeded in driving the Confederates from their Capital, and thus achieved a decisive victory for the Northern arms. When President Johnson's term of office was about determining, General Grant stood as candidate for the Presidency on the republican platform, and was elected. He enjoyed a second term of office, and in March last retired to make way for President Hayes. Other ex-Presidents of the United States have visited these shores, but none of them were so illustrious as Grant. There may, of course, have been times during his period of office when the relations between the two countries left something to be desired, but it was as natural that President Grant should take an American view of the interests of his country as that we should regard British interests from a British point of view. We feel certain, however, that General Grant will meet with an enthusiastic welcome in old England. He has, indeed, already been most flatteringly received at Liverpool and Manchester, and there is every reason to

believe that he will be presented by the Corporation of London with that mark of respect which custom prescribes should be shown to illustrious foreigners. For the matter of that, indeed, we can hardly speak of one who bears the British name of Grant as being a foreigner. We can only add that England will extend to him the right hand of good fellowship without the slightest *arrière pensée*.

And while speaking of the arrival among us of the most illustrious of American soldiers and statesmen, it is only fitting we should pay our humble tribute of respect to the memory of another worthy citizen of the United States, who died as recently as Tuesday, at Kingston, Dorsetshire. We are alluding to Mr. J. L. Motley, whose name as the historian of the Dutch Republic is as familiar among all classes of Englishmen as a household word, and whose fame will be co-existent with the English language. Mr. Motley was born at Dorchester, Massachusetts, on 15th April 1814, and had therefore entered on his 64th year. He graduated at the Harvard University in 1831. In 1841 he became United States Secretary of Legation at St. Petersburg. In 1851 he again visited Europe. In 1861 he was appointed Minister Plenipotentiary at Vienna, from which position he was recalled in 1867. On the accession of President Grant, in 1869, he was appointed Minister in London, but held the office for a year only. Mr. Motley was a member of the principal literary societies in Europe and America, and had had conferred upon him the honorary degree of D.C.L. at Oxford, and that of LL.D. at Cambridge. We have already mentioned the work on which his literary fame principally rests, but besides this and other historical works, he was the author of many contributions to periodical literature. In him the United States undoubtedly loses one of its foremost men of letters.

On Tuesday the City of Brussels, which left New York on the 21st April, reached Liverpool, after an unusually protracted passage of thirty-eight days. She had scarcely left New York when the screw-shaft broke, and she had to continue her voyage under sail, and as the weather was most unfavourable, the progress she made from day to-day was very slow. However, the passengers behaved admirably, and managed to pass the time comfortably. Of course they had to put up with some inconvenience, but this was endured philosophically. All of them speak in the highest terms of the conduct and kindness of Captain Watkins, the commander of the vessel. There were 76 cabin and 111 steerage passengers on board, and of the latter, one who suffered from chronic bronchitis died.

It is somewhat of a novelty to read of a highway robbery of the old-fashioned sort occurring within a few miles of London—indeed, within the limits of the metropolitan district. Yet, on Monday evening, the carriage of Mr. Hodgson, one of the Treasury solicitors, when traversing a lonely part of Blackheath, was stopped by two men, who first compelled the coachman to pull up, and then presented pistols at the head of Mr. Hodgson. The latter, who was accompanied by his sister and niece, fearing for the ladies, gave the men five shillings, but this did not content them, and he then gave them his purse, containing £17 in notes and gold. The men then made off, but as yet the police have obtained no clue to this daring robbery.

The excitement over the recent dismissal of the Simon Ministry continues throughout all France; but it is noticeable, of course, chiefly in Paris. It is impossible to forecast the issue of the struggle between the President who has declared he will remain firm, and the Republican party who possess an immense majority in the Legislative Chamber.

As regards the war, there are some items of news to record. The Special Correspondent of one of our daily contemporaries speaks of a fresh repulse of the Russians before Batoum, and of the recapture by the Turks of Ardahan. In addition, the attempt to bring about a rising in the Caucasus is said to be causing the Russians a great deal of anxiety and trouble, not only as regards the locality of the insurrection itself, but also on the banks of the Danube, whence all the Circassian troops are said to have been retired into the interior at a distance from the seat of war. On the Danube the Turks have experienced the loss of another ironclad gunboat, which was sunk by torpedoes, so that naval men, when fuller news arrives of this exploit, will be in a better position to judge of the power of this devilish instrument of warfare. It is unpleasant to contemplate the possibility that

any one of our own magnificent ironclads may be sent to the bottom, or blown into the air, by a comparatively insignificant, yet terrible engine of war. This, however, is merely a remark *en passant*. As regards other news from Eastern Europe, there is little to add, as no attempt as yet has been made to cross the Danube. But there is political trouble apparently looming in the near future. Serbia is becoming again restless, and the Greek Ministry, which was anxious to maintain neutrality, has been driven from office, and a demonstration made before the Royal Palace at Athens. All this is very unsatisfactory, as it indicates a possibility that the war may not long be confined within its present limits. Meantime, the greatest activity reigns in our dockyards, and the Channel Fleet is on the point of sailing—it is said by one daily paper, for Gibraltar. Let us hope that England will not have to change this attitude of careful observation.

Most of our readers have necessarily heard of Bro. Constable's tickets; we are assured that a majority have seen them. An esteemed brother, speaking only the other day, told us that for the last six months they had haunted him by day, and he had dreamed of them by night. "However," added he, "they have a mission to fulfil, and that mission will soon be brought to an end." We are led to these remarks by the fact that, knowing as we do the number of tickets our "Man of Energy" has issued, and the absolute necessity for an early return of the same being made, sufficient time may be allowed for the return of those yet outstanding between now and the day fixed for drawing. There is, moreover, another reason. A contemporary of ours has spoken of Bro. Constable having launched no less than 12,000 of these tickets on the Masonic waters, and our anxiety is that none of the said tickets may be left floating about uselessly, as "flotsam and jetsam," till the time is past. Speaking seriously, we wish our Brother success, and announce that the day for drawing will be the 13th inst., the place, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall Street, E.C., and the hour 7 p.m.

Elsewhere in our columns will be found a report of the installation meeting of the Bayard Lodge. This Lodge, as we pointed out a few weeks ago, has distinguished itself by becoming Vice-Patron of all the Masonic Charities during the first year of its existence; implying the dedication of a considerable sum to the sacred cause of Charity, reflecting no less credit upon its rulers than upon the hearty co-operation of its members. We offer our cordial congratulations to No. 1615.

A Lodge of Instruction has been formed under the sanction of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780. It meets every Friday evening, at 7.30, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow.—Concluded their official visitations for the season on Thursday, 17th ult., by going, at 7.30, to St. Andrews, No. 465, where they were received by the R.W.M. Bro. David Reid P.G.S.B. and the officers. The report showed the Lodge to be working very satisfactorily, and they had initiated 26 brethren during the official year. They then proceeded to St. Mark Lodge, No. 27, where Bro. Dr. McInnis R.W.M., D. Buller and the officers, as well as a good many visitors were waiting to receive them with due honours. The Deputation consisted of Bros. Easton acting D.P.G.M., J. Jellis P.G.T., G. Sinclair Treas. to Benevolent Fund, W. H. Bickerton P.G.S., Allison P.G.S., James Balfour P.D. of C., A. Bain P.G.B.B., T. Halket P.G.D. of M., J. Booth P.G.I.G. and J. B. Hardie T. The report stated "The books were fairly kept, and the Lodge generally working in accordance with the Constitutions." They had initiated 20 members. The acting P.G.M. said that having now visited all the 29 Lodges of the Province; they were glad to find the great majority of them in such good working order. They wished, however, to see the Benevolent Fund in a more flourishing position, and more worthy of the Order and its own beneficent objects. He would then ask the Treas. of that fund to say a few words to them. Bro. G. Sinclair said, the fund was increasing, but not so fast as they wished. They had a sum of £900 invested, and £40 in hand to carry them through this year; that was, including their receipts of this night; but he wished to make the investments up to £2000, and then with the interest of it, and current subscriptions, he might be able to dispense greater benefits than he was now able to do. He knew an old and wealthy Lodge, like St. Mungo, would assist in soon procuring this sum. Bro. Gillis, Treasurer of the Province, said he was working with Bro. Sinclair in this, and they looked for the support of every Mason in the Province. Bro. Sinclair had told them that subscription sheets

were to be sent to each Lodge. He trusted every member would give at least 1s, many would give more, some £1, others, like the P.G.M., £5 annually, and then the fund would enable them to dispense real and substantial relief to all deserving cases. The R.W.M. said the case was deserving of their serious consideration, but as it was getting late, they had better defer it, especially as the deputation had now concluded their labours. The Lodge would be only honoring themselves by asking them to take a little refreshment. The Lodge was then called off, and a pleasant hour spent in harmony with the brethren.

Provincial Grand Chapter of Lanarkshire.—This Chapter held its Quarterly Communication in St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow, on 25th May, the Prov. G. Supt., F. A. Barrow, presiding, assisted by Comps. W. H. Smith P.G.H., J. Mitchell P.G.J., James Balfour P.G. Scribe E., G. W. Wheeler P.G.S.N., T. W. Campbell P.G.P.S., D. M. Lamb P.G. 2nd S., George McDonald P.G. 3rd S., and J. Duthie P.G.S. of W. The Scribe E. reported the result of the P.G.C. visitations to the various Chapters in the Province. Comp. Barrow P.G. Superintendent expressed the pleasure he felt in finding all the Chapters in a better position than at the former visitation, and expressed a hope that the Comps. would not slacken their efforts to maintain the dignity of the Order throughout the Province. Comps. W. H. Smith and J. Mitchell, both of whom were unable to be present at the annual meeting, were then initiated into their chairs as P.G.H. and P.G.J. Comp. Muir Z. of Chapter 117 wished to know if it was constitutional to work a Lodge of Mark Masters as a separate degree under the Charter of a Craft Lodge. The Superintendent held that it was not, though in Scotland a Craft Lodge had the power of conferring the Mark degree on Master Masons. The P.G. Scribe read the correspondence between himself and the Grand Scribe E. on this subject, also a communication from the Craft Grand Secretary; and from the replies of both these brethren he held it was unconstitutional for any Royal Arch Mason to take part in working such separate degree. Eventually the P.G.S.E. was instructed to communicate with the Comps. referred to, and also to write to the First Principals of their Chapter, calling their attention to the facts of the case, so that their position may be definitely understood.

Phoenix Chapter, Port Royal, Jamaica, No. 914, Prov. No. 6.—The installation of officers of the above Chapter took place at the Phoenix Hall, Port Royal, on 12th April, when the following officers were installed by the M.E.Z.'s G. J. de Cordova, Altamont de Cordova and R. Langley P.P.Z.:—M.E. Comps. Osmond Delgado sen. P.Z., David Bamed P.H., Osmond Delgado jun. P.J. The following officers were invested:—Comps. W. J. Lovesy Rutherford S.E., W. Dey Smedmore S.N., L. Cole Hollar P.S., R. Thompson Treasurer, G. P. Myers and J. B. Allen Assist. Sojourners, F. W. Hollar Janitor. Two candidates were duly exalted by the newly installed officers. After the Chapter was duly closed, the brethren retired to a banquet, where the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. This Chapter is now twelve months old, and about thirty brethren have been exalted. This Chapter being intended for the use of the Navy and Army, the fees have been reduced, so that those who belong to the Navy and Army will avail themselves of this opportunity.

Bro. L. C. Hollar was elected Master, on 10th April 1877, of the Phoenix Lodge, Port Royal. This brother has served the Lodge in capacity of Secretary for three years, and one year as Senior Warden. The installation will take place about 24th May. Bro. R. Thompson has been elected for the fourth time as Treasurer. The installation of officers of the Royal Lodge took place at the Friendly Hall, on 7th May, when the following officers were duly installed:—Wor. W. Andrews jun. Master (second time), A. E. Burke I.P.M., Bros. G. Sar-geant Senior Warden, Thorwell Secretary, G. Campbell Treasurer (second time), J. Duff Senior Deacon, J. Romney Junior Deacon, G. Garcia Inner Guard, Simpson and Jackson Stewards, G. Magnus Tyler. The following Past Masters were present, and assisted in the ceremony:—Wor. R. Langley, A. E. Burke, Taylor, Davis, Andrews, and Dias, the installing and retiring Master being Wor. A. E. Burke. After the ceremony of installation had been closed, the brethren retired to a banquet, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. The Royal Lodge is the oldest in the island, being nearly 100 years. During the past year, under the mastership of Wor. A. E. Burke, the finances of the Lodge have been more than it has been for the past six years. The Friendly Rooms will shortly be completed as regards extension and repairs, and the building will then be able to be called a Masonic Hall.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 31st of May, at the Union Tavern, Air-street W. Present—Bros. G. Davis W.M., E. Farwig S.W., F. J. Wray J.W., T. Cull Sec. and acting Past Master, Park-house S.D., J. H. Watts J.D., Ward I.G., and a large number of brethren. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge opened in second and third degrees, and resumed to the first, when the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture: Bros. W. Corner, — Elborn. T. Cull, C. A. Woods, D. M. Belfrage, J. Bentley, J. H. Watts. Second Lecture: Bros. Sparrow, F. J. Wray, E. Farwig, A. Stewart, R. J. Smith. Third Lecture: Bros. A. C. Burrell, W. J. Collins, J. Davis. Several brethren were elected joining members. A vote of thanks and honorary membership was accorded to the W.M. (Bro. G. Davis), who had so ably worked the sections, and in proposing the vote, Bro. Cull took occasion to remark upon the great proficiency exhibited by the W.M., seeing that he was not two years a Master Mason. The W.M., in acknowledging the compliment, paid a deserved tribute of

thanks to the excellent Preceptor, Bro. J. Mander, who had been indefatigable in his tuition. The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the fifteen brethren who had so ably seconded his efforts. Bro. Farwig S.W. having responded, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Thursday next at the hour of 8 p.m.

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INCREASE IN THE CRAFT.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The agenda paper for the meeting of Grand Lodge, to be held next week, gives a list of no less than 25 new Lodges which have been warranted during the past three months. Such an accession to the roll of the Grand Lodge of England is, I believe, unprecedented, and shows a marked increase on most of the returns made during the past two years. These, from Grand Lodge papers I have before me, were as follow:—

	New Lodges.	Home.	Abroad.
September 1875 ...	12	8	4
December " ...	17	13	4
March 1876 ...	18	14	4
June " ...	22	19	3
Sept. " ...	19	18	1
Dec. " ...	13	8	5
March 1877 ...	16	8	8
June " ...	25	19	6
	142	107	35

I question much whether this great accession to the number of our Lodges is productive of good to the Order at large. I fear many Lodges are established solely for the sake of getting certain aspiring brethren through the chair, and I sincerely hope that no evil effects will follow.

Feeling this is a matter that might be discussed with advantage, I am induced to trouble you with these few lines.

Yours fraternally,

ONE OF THE OLD SCHOOL.

HINTS TO BATHERS.—There is a little difficulty, either in town or country, in obtaining access to the water. We believe all our large towns are now supplied with swimming baths, in which it is preferable that the beginner should practise, rather than that he should seek an open stream for the purpose. The baths are usually attended by experienced persons, from whom lessons may be obtained if desired, or whose help may be useful in an emergency; and at such places the learner may also gain kindly hints and assistance from others who have recently experienced, and are ready to sympathise with his difficulties. But if the beginner is the denizen of a rural locality which is destitute of such an advantage, he should exercise care in the selection of a spot in which to practise. Let him, in the first place, choose a stream, the bottom of which slopes gradually from the bank, and ascertain its precise depth at various distances. Let him be very careful to select a place which is free from weeds, either attached to the bottom and scarcely seen from the bank, or floating freely on the surface. A clear stream, with a gravelly or sandy bottom, is by far the best. One with a muddy or rough and stony bottom should be avoided; and especially keep clear of water the bed of which is full of deep and sudden holes. Bathing on the sea-shore can only be practised with safety when the beach is shelving, and its general features, as to freedom from rocks, etc., are well known. The novice should select still weather only for the purpose, or the sudden coming in of a wave may take him off his legs and carry him helplessly out to sea. A terrible calamity occurred a few years ago in this way, seven youths out of eight who were bathing on the Hampshire Coast being swept away and drowned. The best time for practising is in the morning, an hour or two after sunrise; but bathing or swimming on an empty stomach is not advisable. A crust of bread, with the addition of a cup of coffee, if practicable, is all, however, that will be necessary. Bathing either shortly before or after a full meal is injurious, but the latter especially so. Take a brisk walk before you enter the water, that the body may be in a glow when you step in; then strip as quickly as possible, and take your plunge while the blood is still coursing freely through the veins. When you have learnt to swim, you will be able to enter by diving; but until you have, you must walk into the water, and in this latter case you should dip the upper part of the body in and out again, otherwise the blood will be driven too much to the head.—*From Swimming, in Cassell's Popular Educator for June.*

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—In all outward complaints a desperate effort should be made to at once remove these annoying infirmities, and of establishing a cure. The remarkable remedies discovered by Professor Holloway will satisfactorily accomplish this desirable result, without any of those dangers or drawbacks which attended the old method of treating ulcerative inflammations, scrofulous affections, and scorbutic annoyances. The most timid invalids may use both the Ointment and Pills with the utmost safety with certain success, provided a moderate attention be bestowed on their accompanying "Directions." Both the preparations soothe, heal, and purify. The one assists the other most materially in effecting cures and renewing strength by helping exhausted nature just when she needs such succour.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 2nd JUNE.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1468—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 4th JUNE.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
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.)
1439—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
1635—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road.
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
156—Harmony, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
431—St. George's Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
411—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
482—St. James's, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
1054—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1244—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.

TUESDAY, 5th JUNE.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Wheatshaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
860—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.)
1607—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
70—St. John, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
393—St. David's, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
923—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.

WEDNESDAY, 6th JUNE.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7 p.m.
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.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
298—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Ernie, Ernie House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1167—Alwrick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alwrick.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

THURSDAY, 7th JUNE.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
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.)

31—United Industrious, Guildhall, Canterbury.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1367—Beamster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beamster.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.

FRIDAY, 8th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (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.)
1293—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.
64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1087—Beaudebert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.

SATURDAY, 9th JUNE.

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

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zeland-street, Wakefield.
1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1302—De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1512—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.

TUESDAY.

265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

WEDNESDAY.

R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

THURSDAY.

289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
R. A. 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.

FRIDAY.

458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.

SATURDAY.

R. A. 303—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—129—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.
TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 86 Constitution-street.
THURSDAY—97—St. James, St. James' Hall, Writer's-court.
FRIDAY—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—332—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
R. A. 119—Rosslyn, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
TUESDAY—3 bis.—St. John's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
73—Thistle and Rose, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
87—Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, 30 Cathedral-street, Glasgow.
437—Govandale, Partland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.
556—Clydesdale, 106 Rose-street, Glasgow.
WEDNESDAY—4—Kilwinning, 241 Dumbarton-road, Glasgow.
123—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Sheelston.
354—Caledonian Railway, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
571—Dramatic, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, at 3 p.m.
R. A. 87—Shamrock and Thistle, 12 Trongate.
THURSDAY—165—St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-rd., Glasgow.
FRIDAY—R. A. 79—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
SATURDAY—23—St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch, At 6 p.m.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge of Instruction held its weekly meeting at Bro. Hallows, the "Chequers," Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Thursday, 31st ult. Present—Bros. W. G. Hallows W.M., Franklin S.W., F. Hallows J.W., Hunt S.D., Upward J.D., Clarke I.G., Pinder Preceptor, Saunders Secretary; also Bros. Bell, Groome, Dendy, Carter, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Groome acting as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Groome acting as candidate. The Lodge was closed in the 2nd degree, and Bro. Pinder worked the 3rd section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Franklin was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 31st May. Present—Grammer W.M., Maidwell S.W., Isaac J.W., Daniel S.D., Cay J.D., Powell I.G., Webb Preceptor, and Bros. Hewlett, Ellis, Marks, Aarons. After the Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Hewlett candidate. Bro. Ellis answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was worked, Bro. Ellis candidate. The Lodge was resumed to first, when the W.M. worked 1st and 2nd, and Bro. Horsley the 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Maidwell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Webb was unanimously elected an honorary member. The Lodge was closed, and adjourned until Thursday, 7th June.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, 28th inst. Present—Bros. Cook W.M., Bisset S.W., R. Percy J.W., Trewinnard S.D., Tolmie Acting Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Kidder J.D., Christopher I.G., Clarke, Hunter, Stack, &c. Lodge opened in due form, minutes read and confirmed. Lodge opened in second and third degrees. Bro. Percy worked the 1st and 3rd sections of the lecture. Lodge closed in third and second degrees. The ceremony of initiation was excellently rehearsed, Bro. Stack acting as candidate. Bro. Bisset was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was awarded to the W.M. for his able conduct in the chair. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 12th May. Present—Bros. Barnett W.M., Posener S.W., Daniel J.W., Wharman S.D., Gieberman I.G.; and Bros. Hollands, Cambridge, Loenstaff P.M., Lipscombe, Aarons, Harris, Marks, Cay, and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree. The ceremony of installation was worked by Bro. Barnett, in a very perfect and impressive manner, Bro. Maidwell as W.M. elect. Bro. Maidwell resumed the Lodge to the 2nd degree. Bro. Cambridge answered the questions leading to the 3rd degree perfectly, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and Bro. Cambridge was duly raised. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Barnett, for the able and efficient manner he had worked the ceremony of installation, to the gratification and instruction of all present. Bro. Barnett responded, stating he felt it a duty and pleasure to do all he could for the interest of the Craft, and particularly for Prosperity Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Posener was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and, from the able manner he works, a large attendance is expected.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—The regular convocation of this excellent working Chapter was held on Monday, the 28th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. W. Littaur P.Z. as M.E.Z., E. P. Albert P.Z. as H., L. Jacobs J., S. V. Abrahams P.Z. Treas., P. Dickinson S.E., L. Lazarus P.S.; P.Z.'s Comps. S. M. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, J. Lazarus, S. Pollitzer; and Comps. G. Ellis, L. Auerhaan, Brall, Haines, N. Baum, R. G. Howell, J. S. Lyon, Davis, M. Silver, W. J. Jennings, W. H. Cremer, P. Moore, Myers, &c. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. I. P. Cohen W.M. 205, W. Brall 1017, J. W. Dewsnap 188, H. P. Isaac 188, and A. Botibol 188, which ballots were accepted. Bros. S. Botibol, H. P. Isaac, A. Botibol, and C. Roberts, being in attendance, were duly exalted into R.A. Masonry, in a perfect and impressive manner. The election for Principals, Treasurer, and Junior Officers then took place—Comp. W. Littaur P.Z. was elected M.E.Z., L. Jacobs H., P. Dickinson J., S. V. Abrahams P.Z. Treas., Gulliford S.E., J. S. Lyon S.N., M. H. Myers P.S., Smith Janitor. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to a banquet, provided by Comp. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver. Grace having been said, by Comp. Myers, the M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the newly exalted Companions. By the attention they had paid to the ceremony, he was sure they would prove an accession to the Order. He then gave a beautiful and instructive illustration of the duties of R.A. Masonry, and hoped the Companions would drink the toast as it merited. The Companions having severally responded, Comp. E. P. Albert P.Z. proposed the toast of the Acting Z., Comp. Littaur; all who had seen his working must have had a great Masonic treat. He had ably performed the duties of the three chairs, and every office he had held

he had filled in a praiseworthy manner. The acting M.E.Z. then rose; he thanked Comp. Albert for his kind manner in speaking of him; he and Comp. Albert had worked together, and he hoped he had gained the good will of all present. He thanked them sincerely. The M.E.Z. then said he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the Visitor who had honoured them with his company. The introduction he comes with is sufficient voucher for them to give him a hearty welcome. Comp. Bonsor, No. 174, said he was gratified at the manner he had been received, he had been to many Chapters, but had never seen better working, nor more genial hospitality. The toast of the P.Z.'s was then given, and Comp. J. Lazarus responded. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the newly elected H. and J., both Companions are well worthy to fill those offices, he was sure, to their entire satisfaction. Comps. Jacobs and Dickinson severally responded. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the P.S., and spoke well of his capabilities. Comp. L. Lazarus P.S. responded. The Janitor's toast was then given, and the Companions separated.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on 26th May. Bros. Moss W.M., Defriez S.W., Fenner J.W., Bedwell S.D., Gibbs J.D., Elliston I.G., Percy Preceptor, Halford Treasurer, Killick Secretary. The Lodge was opened in the usual order, and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. The three ceremonies were rehearsed in a masterly manner. Bro. Defriez was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the W.M.

Commercial Lodge, No. 340, Glasgow.—The regular meeting was held in the Hall, 30 Hope-street. In consequence of the absence from town of the R.W.M., Bro. J. Munro, the Lodge was opened by Bro. J. M. Oliver D.M., W. Findlay S.W., Graham J.W., C. Duncan S.D., A. Barnett I.G. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Smith 3½, A. Watson S.D. 30, J. Callam 18, G. W. Wheeler 73, G. Fisher R.W.M. 129, St. Mirren's, Paisley, with a deputation, namely—Bros. Edwins I.P.M., Macpherson S.P.G.T. of R.E., P.M. Allen, and Wm. Jameson, F. Hardie 354, Wm. Debbio P.M. 362, McKay 556, and Bro. James McKay 728 (E.C.) Mr. James McDonald, having been unanimously balloted for, was then introduced and carefully initiated by the acting Master. The Lodge was raised to the sublime degree, and Bro. Thomas Ferguson was obligated by the D.M., when Bro. Munro, having arrived by train, assumed the chair, and completed the ceremony of the 3rd degree, in his usual impressive style. When the Paisley deputation had to leave, Bro. Oliver proposed the thanks of the Lodge to them for their friendly visit. Bro. Fisher acknowledged the compliment; he had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Oliver there, but the brethren of St. Mirren's would be most happy to receive a return visit from the Lodge. Bro. Munro then, in feeling terms, alluded to the recent death of Bro. Dr. Martin, their I.P.M., and suggested they should hold a funeral Lodge to mark the event, which was agreed too.

Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780.—Tardy though spring has been in its advent this year, Friday, the 25th ult., was a day that the most fastidious of grumblers about our changeable climate could have but little to complain of. As a consequence, the members of the Royal Alfred Lodge, who always come well to the fore, literally besieged the famed Star and Garter, at Kew Bridge, and the worthy host, Bro. Stanbury, had his work cut out to provide accommodation for all who presented themselves. The business of the day commenced at two o'clock, when the W.M., Bro. J. Chambers Roe, took the chair; he was supported by Past Master Brown as S.W., Walter Goss J.W., J. Smith P.M. Treasurer, William Hilton P.M. Secretary, Charles May S.D., William Gomm J.D., J. Dorey I.G., Hale W.S., Gilbert Tyler. Amongst the P.M.'s present we noticed, in addition to those previously enumerated Bros. Gardiner, Littlewood, Potter, Beasley, &c. Bro. Beasley, who we regret to say has just suffered a severe and trying illness, was only present for a short time, but he must have been greatly cheered by the hearty reception he met with, and if the good wishes of his friends are of avail, he will soon be in a position to declare himself once more capable of active duty. After the formal opening of the Lodge, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bros. Joseph Edwin Carter, Alfred Tolliday, Charles P. Brown, and John Child were raised to the sublime degree; the latter Brother at the request of the W.M. of the St. Clement Danes Lodge, No. 1351. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. George Webb, Edward Francis Wyer and William Slater, and the result was in their favour. These gentlemen, with Mr. Thomas Clarke, who had been balloted for at a previous meeting, were then duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed in a most creditable manner by the W.M. Bro. J. Chambers Roe. The routine business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed. After a short interval, the brethren sat down to a capital banquet, with which all present expressed their satisfaction, and to which full justice was done. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the Loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, he said it was a toast that was always well received wherever Englishmen assembled, and needed no words of his to commend it. After speaking briefly to the health of the M.W.G.M., the health of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, was given, and with this was coupled the name of Bro. P.M. Smith, who referred to the fact that the three principal chairs of Grand Lodge were now held by members of the Royal Family, and expressed a hope, which he was sure would be endorsed by every member of the Craft, that the engagements of the Royal brothers would permit of their being present at the meeting of Grand Lodge fixed for the 6th June. Bro. Smith next referred to the candidature for a seat on the Board of General Purposes of one of their members (Bro. William Hilton P.M.), and urged all present to assist, by their vote or their influence, in promoting his election. He

(Bro. Smith) had held a seat there for 30 years, and he would be gratified if a second member from the Royal Alfred Lodge were selected. The I.P.M. Bro. Gardiner, in felicitous terms, proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Roe, who, in reply, characterised the present meeting as the happiest and most successful they had had under his presidency. He thanked Bro. Gardiner for his kind remarks, and stated he had strenuously endeavoured to do his duty, and also to induce his officers to render themselves competent for all that was required of them. It was highly gratifying to know that his efforts were appreciated by the members. He then proposed the health of the Visitors. After a capital song by Bro. Goss, Bro. Kysor J.D. 820 responded; he was followed by Bro. W. W. Morgan, and several others, who spoke highly of the way in which the business of the day had been conducted, and of the hospitality shown. The remaining toasts comprised the initiates, severally replied to by the four newly made brethren; the P.M.'s, replied to by Bros. Gardiner and Brown, the latter brother pertinently remarking that a Mason could not be made in a day, and that he did not believe in the "hot-house" process, where a brother was considered capable of doing all that might be required of him within six months after his initiation. Bro. Hilton P.M. replied for the Treasurer and Secretary, and appealed to the brethren assembled to assist him in his candidature for a seat at the Board of General Purposes. After the toast of the Officers had been honoured, the health of Bro. Stanbury, the host of the Star and Garter, was heartily drunk, and suitably replied to. The call for the Tyler brought this pleasant gathering to a termination. During the evening some capital songs were given, Bros. Fernandez, Child, and others, ably distinguishing themselves.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, 27th May, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. Lovelock W.M., Hewlett S.W., Barker J.W., E. T. Worsley Sec., Davies S.D., Dallas J.D., Christian 860 I.G., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Johnson, W. J. Smith, Haine, Pavitt, Saunders, &c. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer. The minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Haine acting as candidate. Bro. Worsley worked the first and second sections of the lecture, and Bro. Smith the third, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. Bro. W. J. Smith was unanimously chosen W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. It was afterwards arranged that if Bro. Hewlett attended in time, Bro. Smith would give up the chair in his favour. This was in consequence of Bro. Hewlett having to leave the Lodge after the ceremony had been worked. We were pleased to find that this Lodge commenced punctually at 7-30, so that all business was completed and the Lodge closed at 9-20, thus giving those brethren who live at a distance an opportunity of getting away much earlier.

Whittington Chapter, No. 862.—A regular meeting of this flourishing Chapter was held on Friday last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. The Chapter was opened by Comp. William Stephens M.E.Z., Thomas Kingston H., and W. A. Tinney J. The minutes of the last regular convocation, and Chapter of Emergency were then read and confirmed. Bro. S. Smout, of 1489 and 1612, and Bro. J. Collinson, of the Mother Lodge, were exalted to the R.A. degree, by the M.E.Z.; this was rendered most impressive by the excellent working of the whole of the officers. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, Comp. Kingston being elected M.E.Z., Tinney H., W. J. Marlis J., Wm. Stephens Treas., J. Weaver Scribe E., John High Scribe N., and Wm. Norman P. Soj. A Past Principal's jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring M.E.Z. Several brethren were proposed for exaltation, which will necessitate another emergency meeting during the next month. Business ended, the Chapter was closed, and the Comps. adjourned to banquet, when the usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured. Comp. Wright P.Z. 22, and a Companion of the Grand Chapter of Ireland, were the only visitors present. The former flatteringly replied on their behalf.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Friday evening, 25th May. Bros. Fennar W.M., Tayler S.W., Smith J.W., Crouch S.D., Townsend J.D., Lane I.G.; and Bros. Howlett, Bolton, Austin, &c. The Lodge was opened in the 1st degree, and advanced to the 2nd. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Austin acting as candidate. The Lodge was closed in the 2nd degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Austin as candidate. The 4th section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. Proposed by Bro. Hewlett, seconded by Bro. Lane, that Bro. Tayler, of Yarborough Lodge 551, become a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Proposed by Bro. Hewlett, seconded by Bro. Smith, that Bro. Tayler take the chair at the next meeting. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Falcon Lodge, No. 1416.—The members of the Archaeological Section have visited the village of Topcliffe, associated with many memorable events in English history. The Rev. Bro. Hawkins M.A. most hospitably entertained the party, and accompanied them through the church, which probably dates from the sixth or seventh century, and contains some interesting monumental remains. On their return, they inspected the modern church at Baldersby (Butterfield, Arch.), commenced by the late Lord Downe, the lofty spire of which is a conspicuous object many miles round, and where they were met by the Rev. E. Malleon M.A. Some of the members, on Whit Tuesday, spent a very pleasant day at Askrigg and Bainbridge, having special facilities kindly afforded them by the Rev. C. Whaley M.A., and the Rev. W. Baldorston M.A.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Masons' Hall Tavern, on Thursday, 31st May, at 6 p.m. This being the night for working the Fifteen Sections, there was a good number of the members present, and among the visitors were Bros. Harris 1185, Nuding 140, Abel 55, Tolmie S.W. 861, Sherrington 1546. The Chair was occupied by Bro. Saul W.M., Poore P.M. S.W., Goodman J.W., Moss I.G., Colmer Treasurer, Blackie Hon. Sec. The Lodge was opened in the first, second, and third degrees and resumed to the first. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Fifteen Sections were worked in a very efficient manner by the following brethren:—Bros. Wood, Cadot, Taylor, Barker, Saul, Poore P.M., Tolmie, G. Moss, Stevens P.M., Bisset, Blackie. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the very able manner in which Bro. Saul, as W.M., put the questions, and also to those brethren who had assisted him. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

Duncombe Lodge, No. 1486.—The anniversary of the consecration was held last Monday, at the King's Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge, Devon, when a large number of brethren were present. The special business of the day was the installation of the Worshipful Master, the Rev. E. Augustus Lester, M.A., Duncombe Lecturer, and the investment of his officers for the next year, according to ancient usage. The Lodge commenced business about twelve o'clock, and having performed its duties *in camera*, the brethren sat down to dinner, which was well supplied with everything except waiters, who were somewhat deficient in their attendance. The members of the Lodge, and especially the founders, were much gratified on seeing one of the first that was initiated after its foundation in the chair. On such an occasion it was considered opportune to present the two Past Masters with jewels, indicating their rank in the Craft, and as an acknowledgment of their zeal in founding the Lodge, which was done in appropriate terms by Bro. Lester. Dinner being over and the cloth removed, the usual loyal toasts were proposed. The first was "The Queen," in proposing whose health Bro. Lester said there were two kinds of secret societies—one whose members not only kept their peculiar secrets, but also made their membership itself a secret; consequently, although they might know there was such a society, no one could say who were its members or where they met. An institution of that kind was dangerous to society, it had some object which would not bear the light of day to shine on it, and hence it was nearly always disloyal. But the institution of Freemasonry was wholly different. They took as their motto the text from which their brother, the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, preached in connexion with the Craft:—"Love the brotherhood, fear God, honour the king!" The spirit of Freemasonry was a spirit of love to all mankind in the fear of God and due obedience to the sovereign of their native land. For this reason they were proud of being Masons, and felt it a privilege to have such a sovereign as their beloved Queen. "The Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was the next toast. In proposing his health, Bro. Lester said that the history of the appointment of H.R.H. as Grand Master was an apt illustration of the nature of their Institution and its title to the epithet "Free." And when the Prince of Wales accepted office in the Craft, he performed a duty worthy of his house and the freedom of his future subjects. The late Grand Master resigned at the dictation of a foreign prince whose influence had never tended to liberty, and some of whose public speeches had not been very complimentary to their free institution; but when their own Prince of Wales accepted the vacant office, they could not but see in that acceptance a guarantee that so far as their future sovereign was concerned this country would continue to maintain its freedom from the dictation of any foreign prince or prelate. The health of "The Grand Master of the Province, Rev. J. Huyshe, and his deputy, Bro. L. P. Metham," was next proposed, both of whom Bro. Lester said were in a very critical state of health, especially their Right Worshipful Brother Huyshe, who had been, and he feared was still, in a dangerous state. He did not despair, however, of his recovery, and he was quite certain that if sympathy could do him any good he had the sympathy of all those who knew him. He was well known, not only in that Province, but in Grand Lodge and was held in the highest respect by the whole Craft. To this Brothers Curteis, Col. Ridgway, and Rev. J. C. Carwithen responded, in appropriate terms, Bro. Carwithen especially mentioning that he had good news from Bro. Huyshe that day, which gave him great hope of his ultimate recovery. Bro. Col. Ridgway then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, Rev. E. A. Lester. He said he had great pleasure in proposing Bro. Lester's health, as he and all present must be gratified at what they had seen that day. He had no doubt of Bro. Lester's ability to perform the duties of his office, indeed he had never seen those duties better performed than they had been by their respected Master.

Marquis of Ripon Lodge of Instruction No. 1489.—The usual weekly meeting of the above Lodge was held on Monday, at the Pembury Tavern, Hackney. Bros. Jacob W.M., Driver S.W., Grist J.W., W. Stephens Preceptor, Defriez S.D., High J.D., and Mann I.G. At the conclusion of labour, it was proposed to adjourn during the summer months. The matter was however, deferred (for the consideration of the members) until the last Monday in June, upon which occasion the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed.

Sir Hugh Middelton Lodge, No. 1602.—The first anniversary and installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Friday, the 25th May, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. Bros. Elias Somers W.M., E. G. Sim S.W., T. J. Coombs J.W., J.

Weston Treas., J. Osborn Sec., A. F. Rowley S.D., W. Norris I.G., Upward Organist; and Bros. Oppenheim, Dawson, Field, Tilson, Franklin, Abrams, Gibbs, Paterson, Hiscock, Payne, W. H. Lee, S. Rowley, &c. The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. It showed the Treasurer had received £298 18s 6d; after paying all expenses since the foundation of the Lodge, there was a balance of £8 12s 9d. The Treasurer, Bro. Weston, having resigned office, an election took place, and Bro. Payne was selected. The brethren wore Masonic mourning out of respect to the memory of the late Bro. F. Ellen J.D. Bro. E. G. Sim S.W. and W.M. elect was then presented, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed. The ceremony was ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Somers. Bro. W. H. Lee P.M. very impressively gave the concluding addresses. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. received the customary salutations. He then invested his officers:—Bros. E. Somers I.P.M., T. J. Coombs S.W., A. F. Rowley J.W., J. Osborn Sec., Weston S.D., Norris J.D., Poulton I.G., Upward Org., Field D.C., Oppenheim W.S., Steadman P.M. Tyler. The W.M., in investing his officers, showed the brethren had made a very excellent selection. The pertinent remarks uttered by him were fully appreciated. Bro. Furlong proposed a vote of condolence, and that a letter be sent to the widow of the late Bro. Ellen J.D. He was one of the founders. Every brother regretted his loss. He leaves a widow and one child. The W.M., in putting the resolution to the Lodge, said the last tribute to the memory of their deceased Brother was shown at his funeral, where nearly every member of the Lodge was present. It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously, that honorary membership be conferred on Bro. W. H. Lee, W.M. 975 and P.M. 1524, in recognition of services rendered to the Lodge. The W.M. and the S.W. spoke in flattering terms of the manner in which Bro. Lee had given valuable instruction. Bro. Lee suitably returned thanks. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the "Cock Tavern," Highbury, where a very excellent banquet and dessert was provided by Bro. Baker. Grace having been sung, the W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft; every Englishman reveres The respects her for the manner in which she has ruled the nation. and National Anthem was then sung. The toast of H.R.H. the M.W.G. Master was next given. He is not only revered as heir to the Throne, but also as head of our Order; he is beloved by every one in the nation. Gleo—"Haste ye Soft Gales"—was then sung. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the M.W. the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon. Those who are permitted to attend Grand Lodge have an opportunity of seeing how that distinguished Brother fulfils his duties. Bro. A. Hubbard then very artistically sang "Jack's Yarn," after which the W.M. gave the toast of the R.W. Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers. We all know how his duties are carried out by this noble Brother; we have present three Grand Officers, Bros. H. G. Buss Asst. G. Sec., E. P. Albert P.G.P., and Howe A.G.P., we are proud to have those brethren amongst us, and he hoped all would drink the toast with the enthusiasm it merited. Bro. T. W. Simons then sang "Just as Well." Bro. Buss, in responding, said his office was a very novel one. In the Deputy Grand Master you have one who is always ready to render assistance in any way for the benefit of the Craft. I have a brother on my left, Bro. Albert, who has discharged his duty to their satisfaction. The other brother who has been selected for Grand Office is in every way worthy to receive the honour. He thanked the W.M. and the brethren for their kind expressions and hospitality. Bro. E. Somers I.P.M. then rose, he said it was the first time he had the pleasure to propose the toast of the W.M., and he could say that they were proud and pleased to see him in the chair. The Lodge is but young in the Order, but we hope to do our best; he trusted the brethren would support the W.M. as they had supported him. After a part song—"The Hunt is Up"—the W.M. thanked Bro. Somers for his kind expressions. He felt a great obligation to the brethren for placing him in that proud position. The duties devolving on him he would endeavour to carry out to their satisfaction. He then proposed the toast of the Visitors, to whom he accorded a hearty welcome. Bro. F. Meen played a solo on the pianoforte. Bros. Barnham, Todd, and Brains responded to the toast. The W.M. then gave the health of the Installing Master. He had pleasure in proposing the toast, and great gratification in presenting him with a P.M.'s jewel; he was sure he would look on it with pride. The jewel is of solid gold, of artistic design; it has the word Primus, with the arms of Sir Hugh Middleton, and the motto, "Virtus Palma." It also bears a suitable inscription. Bro. F. H. Cozens then sang the "Woodpecker." Bro. E. Somers said he was pleased to see that his endeavours to do his duty in the Craft had met with their approbation, he felt proud and honoured to receive the jewel placed on his breast, it was one of those things he would wear with pride and honour. He could never forget the kindness of the brethren. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Masonic Charities, spoke of the benefits those noble Institutions were doing. We have present to-night one of our zealous Secretaries, and to-day was a peculiar incident, viz., the birthday of our esteemed friend, he hoped they would enthusiastically drink his health. Bro. Hubbard then sang "Nancy Lee." Bro. James Terry P.P.G.D.C. Herts, returned thanks; he was sure their Lodge would be a great supporter of the Charities. The I.P.M. had represented the Aged, the W.M. the Girls' School, and Bro. Abram had selected to be a Steward for the Boys' School, and had already on his list £65. He, Bro. Terry, had consecrated 19 Lodges, and in February last 16 brethren had contributed £900. £13,300 was the result of the last Festival. The Festival of the Girls' School had been also successful, and he was sure the Steward to represent the Boys' School would bring up a large amount. He was pleased to know that they were contributing to all the Charities, but he must urge them not to forget the Aged in their declining years. (Cheers.) The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Officers of the Lodge; all are qualified to do the duties required of them, and he hoped to see them in turn occupying the position of W.M. Bro. Osborn returned thanks, and

was followed by Bros. Norris and A. F. Rowley. The Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated, after enjoying a very harmonious and agreeable evening. The visitors were—Bros. C. F. Barham 754, E. W. Braine 65 and 1471, G. B. Jaffa 1579, A. Johnson 468, E. P. Albert P.G.P. P.M. 188, J. H. Jones P.M. 917, H. Massey P.M. 619, S. Lazarus P.P.G.W. Wilts, Nathan 215, J. Wilson 1298, J. Tongue 534, W. T. Howe A.G.P., H. G. Buss Asst. G.S., James Terry P.G.D.C. Herts, Daniel W.M. 65, Todd P.M. 183, Pare 185, Bailey 917, J. Anshell 1464, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge of Instruction attached to the Sir Hugh Middleton Lodge meets every Friday evening, at the "King Edward VI.," King Edward-street, Liverpool-road, at half-past 7 o'clock; Bro. W. H. Lee W.M. 975 and P.M. 1524 Preceptor.

Langton Lodge, No. 1673.—An emergency meeting of this newly-consecrated Lodge was held on Wednesday, 30th inst., at the London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street. Bros. H. D. Stead W.M., Joseph Langton S.W., F. C. Dobbing J.W., and a numerous assemblage of the brethren. The Lodge was opened, and the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members:—T. Lane, A. J. Reid, A. Rosenthal, Rev. H. G. Rosenthal, J. Fuentes, J. A. A. Rumpff, A. C. Cooper, T. J. Smith, G. C. Boor, W. W. Blackston, D. F. Cook, F. Flint, A. P. Fabian, B. T. Fountain, H. Rookingham Gill H. Mathews, J. F. Morley, E. W. Parkes, J. Ridley, E. G. Sim, George T. Thorns, Taunton, S. White, J. P. White. A dispensation was read from the M.W. the G.M. to allow Mr. J. David Langton (a son of the S.W.) to be initiated, he being a Lewis, and in his 20th year. Ballots were then taken for Messrs. J. D. Langton, P. McKinlay, and C. E. Barnett, and being unanimously in their favour, these gentlemen were duly initiated into the Order by the W.M., in a very perfect and impressive manner; he was ably assisted by the officers. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a *recherché* banquet, under the efficient management of Bro. G. S. States. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In speaking to the toast of the Initiates, he said he was pleased to have the honour of initiating the son of his esteemed friend Bro. Langton, whom the Lodge was named after; he was sure, under such auspices, and the attention they paid to the ceremony, they would eventually prove themselves ornaments to the Craft, and pillars and supporters of our antient and honourable Order. Bro. Langton, in replying to the toast, said he had felt feelings of pride and gratitude in being allowed to be the first initiate of this Lodge. The ceremony, so impressively delivered, would make a lasting impression on him, more especially in a Lodge bearing the name of his honoured father. Bros. P. McKinlay and C. E. Barnett followed, with appropriate speeches. The toast of the W.M., Wardens, Officers, Visitors &c., followed, and the Tyler brought an enjoyable and harmonious evening to a close. The visitors were Bros. Morrell P.M. 111, Thomas P.M., H. Massey P.M., Gates W.M. 715, and Hunter 1494.

London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction.—This Lodge held its meeting at 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., on Monday, 23th ultimo. Present—Bros. N. Reed W.M., J. E. Shand S.W. and Sec., W. Sharratt J.W., C. J. Hogg S.D. and Treas., T. Eastgate J.D., H. Wilkinson I.G., E. Farwig 180 acting Preceptor; Bros. Ward 1563, G. Davies 167, Murchin 1269, and other brethren. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. initiated Bro. Ward, in an impressive manner. Bro. Farwig worked the 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Davies worked the 4th and 5th sections of the lecture. It was proposed by Bro. Farwig, seconded by Bro. Sharratt J.W., and carried unanimously, that Bro. Shand be W.M. at next meeting, Monday, 11th June, at 6 o'clock. After which, Lodge closed in due form and harmony.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The Regular Weekly Convocation was held on Tuesday last, at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill. Present—J. Constable M.E.Z., A. A. Drew H., J. C. Cox J., Thos. W. White Scribe E., J. Dennis S.N., S. Pownceby P.S., J. Rumsey, E. J. Row, W. J. Parish 538, T. H. Meredith 77, G. L. Walker, F. A. White, Major E. H. Finney, H. Darcy, H. Bartlett, C. W. Noehmer, John Seex, Thos. Griffiths, &c. After the usual preliminaries had been gone through, the exaltation of Comp. F. A. White, candidate, was ably and completely rehearsed by the presiding officers. Comps. W. J. Parish and F. H. Meredith were unanimously elected joining members. The latter expressed his grateful acknowledgments for the honour conferred, and the treat that had been afforded by the ability displayed throughout the ceremony. He assured the Companions that whenever opportunity offered he would be present. The sum of one guinea was voted from the funds of the Chapter, to be invested in shilling tickets in Bro. Constable's ballot for Life Governorships of the Boys' School. The Chapter was then closed for the season, and adjourned until the first Tuesday in October.

The annual installation of the Master and Officers of the Hamilton Lodge, No. 1440, Prov. No. 6, took place at Spanish Town on Thursday evening, the 3rd May. The installing officers in conclave were:—

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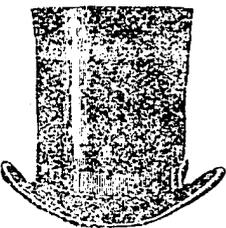
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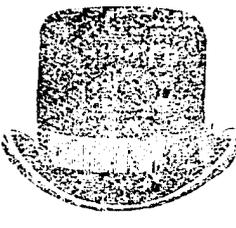
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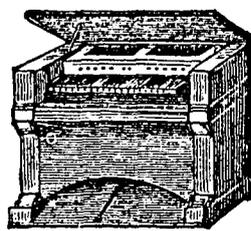


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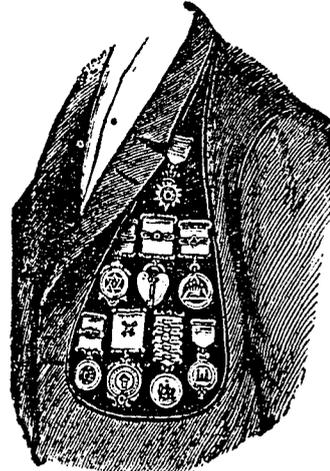
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