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REMOVAL OF LODGES.

IT is worth while calling attention to the fact that, lately, a circular letter was issued from the office of Grand Secretary, addressed to the Worshipful Masters of the several Lodges, and enclosing a form to be filled in and returned forthwith, in order that the needed information may be incorporated in the Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book for 1878, which will be published in the first week of November. We say it is worth while calling attention to this Circular, not because the information to be embodied in the form is other than is usually required to be furnished in accordance with the Constitutions, but because of the notorious laxity with which the regulations of our Society are observed. Were brethren who are elected to rule our Lodges as mindful of the responsibilities of their office as they are of the honour it is presumed to confer, and the decorations they become entitled to wear, the information contained in our Grand Lodge Calendar would be infinitely more valuable than it is, or, as it seems more desirable to phrase it, infinitely more accurate, and therefore trustworthy. As the case stands now, little reliance is to be placed in the announcements made in it as to the days and places at which our different Lodges meet. This is not owing to any want of diligence on the part of those charged with the duty of preparing the list of Lodges and Chapters, or to any want of supervision on the part of the Calendar Sub-Committee of the Board of General Purposes, but simply because the requirements of the law are in so many instances entirely disregarded by whom it does concern. We speak with a painful experience of the errors which occur in Grand Lodge Calendar. Again and again have we been taken to task for misleading brethren as to the day and place of meeting of this or that Lodge. Our answer has been, we prepare our Weekly Calendar from Grand Lodge Calendar. We have simply reproduced the announcements contained in the Official Guide-book, published, as its title-page declares, "under the sanction of the United Grand Lodge of England, and by the command of the M.W. Grand Master." Thus have we been able to acquit ourselves of all responsibility for the errors complained of. However, as our readers are aware, it is extremely unpleasant to be called to account even for the mistakes of others, or, be it said, for the mistakes into which others have been unwittingly betrayed. We therefore resolved that in our Weekly Calendar no Lodge should, under any circumstances, be inserted, the accuracy of which was not duly vouched for by the Secretary. Naturally, these Weekly Calendars of ours are imperfect, but they have the merit, so far as they go, of being accurate.

We, who in our time have had much laborious compilation of a somewhat similar character thrust upon us, know perfectly well the difficulties attendant on the production of a perfect Calendar. But if perfect accuracy be not attainable, it is possible to approach it. In order to secure this happy consummation, the Grand Secretary has just invited Worshipful Masters to lend him their hearty co-operation, and we trust that Worshipful Masters will promptly obey the summons. We must remember that the proceeds of the sale of the Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket-book is paid into the coffers of our three Masonic Institutions, and the more trustworthy the Calendar is, the more considerable will be the sale; and, as a consequence, the greater will be the amount of benefit conferred on the Charities. While, however, we properly hold out this as an inducement

to W. Masters to do what is required of them, it is incumbent on us to point out, at the same time, that what they are now invited to do is neither more nor less than their duty. As laid down in article 8, page 64 of the Constitutions, "Every Lodge, when removed to a new place of meeting, or whenever the day of assembling shall be altered, shall immediately send notice thereof to the grand secretary, and, if a country lodge, also to the provincial grand master. The officers of a removed lodge shall not be permitted to attend the grand lodge or provincial grand lodge until the removal be properly notified." Again, by article 3, page 93, it is laid down that "when a lodge shall have resolved to remove, or to alter the day of meeting, the master or a warden shall forthwith send a copy of the minutes of the lodge for such alteration to the grand secretary, and also to the provincial grand master or his deputy, that it may be ascertained whether the above laws have been strictly complied with, and that the alteration may be duly recorded." Here, then, are two laws, which lay it down most clearly and emphatically, that the removal of a Lodge and any alteration in its day of meeting *shall be notified*—there is no option—to certain authorities; and in one of the laws a penalty is attached to the officers of a Lodge if the law is not observed. It further occurs to us that in the event of such removal or change of day or meeting not being duly notified to the authorities, then, *ipso facto*, the propriety or accuracy of the Lodge proceedings might be vitiated. In other words, the requirements of the law not having been strictly observed, its proceedings would be illegal. There are then three sufficient reasons why the recent invitation of the Grand Secretary should be complied with. It will ensure greater accuracy in the Calendar, and greater accuracy in the Calendar may confer a greater amount of benefit on our Charities. It is the duty of W. Masters to do what they are asked to do. Thirdly, Non-compliance with the law may render illegal the proceedings of a defaulting Lodge.

ORGANISATION OF LONDON LODGES FOR VOTING PURPOSES.

A FEW weeks since there appeared in these columns the report of certain proceedings of the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction. To Bro. Lacey belongs the credit of having—on this occasion at least—initiated the movement, the object of which is to secure a larger share of success for London candidates at the elections to our several Institutions. Bro. Lacey took the more recent elections to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and proved to demonstration that, in proportion to the amount of her contributions, London was not as successful in the ballot for vacancies as she might, could, should, or would be, if her voting powers were properly directed. He urged, therefore, that London Lodges should combine together, in order to promote the success of the London candidates, just as in very many of the Provinces the Provincial Lodges combine together for the purpose of carrying the day for their candidates. He remarked that London gave far more towards the maintenance of these Charities than did the whole of the Provinces taken together, while the numbers of the elect in certain cases, which he cited, were hugely out of proportion, as between the two, London with its excess of contributions having a most noticeable defect in the number of its successful nominees. There is a great show of reason in

Bro. Lacey's argument, and the discussion which followed was both exhaustive and interesting. Yet, without for one moment wishing to throw cold water on a very laudable object, we fancy that, in the first place such a combination, as is proposed, would be very partial in its character, and, in the next, that the object in view may be gained by other means. The number of Metropolitan Lodges is not exactly legion, but it is now over 250, and they are distributed over an immense district. Assuming it is possible to induce the Lodges, east, west, south and north, to combine together, it would be well nigh an impossibility to canvass them. Even in one of these four divisions, it would be a tremendous undertaking. *A fortiori*, would it be the case if all London were formed into one voting district. Combination in the provinces is far easier. The average number of Lodges in each is perhaps twenty. They are so located as to be come-at-able without much difficulty. A few energetic brethren might direct the voting power of a Province into the proper channel, and secure the success of the particular candidate, while the claims of the different London candidates were being discussed. Moreover, a Province is enabled to concentrate its efforts in order to secure the election of one, or it may be, at the outside, of two of its candidates, while the voting strength of London is necessarily distributed among a large number, all presumably of equal merit. There are, perhaps, other difficulties, which need not be enumerated, in the way of Metropolitan combination. Those, however, which have already been stated, will doubtless suffice for the purpose. Our opinion is, that London would obtain a larger share of success if those who undertook the charge of cases were more zealous and energetic in their labours. Far too many brethren consider they have fulfilled their duty when they have allowed their names to appear as recommending this or that particular candidate, whereas it is only when a brother—entitled to vote or not, as the case may be—has consented to recommend the case, that his duty really begins. Once he has satisfied himself that a candidate is worthy of support, and it becomes his duty to use all his efforts to promote his success himself. He may not command many, or even any, votes. He may simply know enough of the case to be sure of its merits. But no matter how little the assistance he may be able to render personally in the way of votes, he is bound to obtain as many votes as he possibly can from others. He must leave no stone unturned, or, to speak more precisely, no donor or subscriber uncanvassed, until he is satisfied, as far as human foresight will enable him to judge, that success is possible, if not probable. He may easily form an idea of the number of votes that will be issued. He must take the votes issued and the results of previous elections as affording him an approximate notion as to the number of votes that will be required in order to carry the election. When he has done this, when he is assured that by no further efforts on his part can a single additional vote be obtained, then he may rest satisfied that he has done his duty; and if, in spite of his efforts, the day comes, and his nominee or *protégé* is not successful, he will have no conscience to accuse him of indifference or neglect. What can be done by the efforts of two or three brethren working well together was shown by Bro. Stevens, who said that he and Bro. Barnes had never but once had to make a second attempt to carry the candidate of their choice. The friends to whom they looked for support were always ready to assist them. They could always command, or, as Bro. Stevens put it modestly enough, manipulate a considerable number of votes, and the result we have stated; they only once failed to carry their candidate at the first attempt. Surely if two can do this—have, indeed, done it again and again—a combination of ten or a dozen brethren, equally influential, might always command success. Then multiplying these so as to have a sufficient number of zealous canvassers to carry the proposed number of candidates, and we see not the slightest reason why the London district should not have its due proportion of success. Let the Lodges in the more immediate neighbourhood of the locality from which the case emanates join together, and, considering the numerical strength of London voters, we think they would stand an excellent chance of success, especially among our East-end brethren, who have always set a good example to the Craft in the work of benevolence.

We are very far from being surprised there should be some soreness among Craftsmen in London when they find a Province carrying the election of its candidate which has done little or nothing to help our Charities. We need not trouble ourselves to repeat the names of districts in England

which are invariably, to use a familiar phrase, conspicuous by their absence from the annual subscription lists of our Institutions. We have no desire to force people into giving, though it is our duty to plead the cause of the poor, the widow, and the orphan, to the best of our poor ability. Nor do we think it proper that the benefits of our Institutions should be distributed only among those, or the belongings of those, who have helped towards their maintenance. We must not too keenly criticise the past when a case of distress stands before us imploring our aid. But, undoubtedly, those who have supported our Institutions have a prior claim upon our sympathy and assistance over those who, in the time of their ability to assist, have fallen short of their duty. Nor is there any graduated scale by which the benefits conferred by a Charity can be distributed proportionately to the benefits it receives. Yet we think it not unnatural that those who give more abundantly should bestir themselves more to ensure the success of their own nominees than that of comparative strangers, how worthy soever the latter may be. However, Bro. Lacey and his coadjutors will have reason to congratulate themselves if the utmost they achieve is to arouse London brethren generally to a proper sense of their duty.

THE LODGE OF THE NINE MUSES.

THIS Lodge, which now stands No. 235 on the roll of Grand Lodge, recently celebrated the Centennial Anniversary of its Constitution, and, in order to commemorate the auspicious event, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, Bro. Walter Webb, has published a brief sketch of its history. Unfortunately, the materials from which a complete record might be compiled are not forthcoming, as the minute books anterior to the year 1814 are missing. Nevertheless, Bro. Webb has succeeded in compiling a very readable account of the Lodge over which he presides as W.M. Moreover, in the *Freemasons' Magazine* for the year 1796, there happened, fortunately, to be published a brief sketch of the Lodge, from its constitution to date, so that Bro. Webb has been in some respects able to supply a portion of the *hiatus valdè deflendus* in the history. From this sketch, which is quoted *in extenso* in the Appendix, and the main features of which are incorporated in Bro. Webb's narrative, we learn that a preliminary gathering of certain brethren was held at the Thatched-House-Tavern, St. James's-street. John Hull presided as R.W.M., Raphael Franco as S.W., and the Rev. Dr. William Dodd as J.W. Robert Biggin as Treasurer, and the Chevalier B. Ruspini were also present, together with Rich. Barker, Will. Porter, J. Baptiste Cipriani, and — Borghi as visitors. On the 23rd of the month, permission having been granted in the interim for the above to assemble as Masons, and to make and raise Masons, Bro. Cipriani was raised to the degree of Master Mason. At this meeting Bro. Biggin offered to supply a Bible and jewels, and Bro. Cipriani to suggest suitable designs, while Bro. Franco engaged to provide three elegant candlesticks. The unfortunate Dr. Dodd, it seems, was never really a member of the Lodge, as he was expelled from the society, as constituted above, before the formal issue of the Warrant on the 25th March of the same year. Then follows a list of sundry of the more distinguished members, with the dates of their admission or making appended. Among these we find Count Siedlecki, Chamberlain to the King of Poland, His Excellency General Paoli, Earl Ferrers, the Venetian Ambassador, the Earl of Effingham, Lord Cranstoun, the Earl Kelly, Sir Robt. Salusbury Cotton, Hon. Wm. Ward, Lord Macdonald, Count Soderini, another Venetian Ambassador, Marquis Trotti, Sir Nicholas Nugent, Sir John Ingleby. Lastly are given the names of the officers at the time (1796), namely, Chevalier B. Ruspini R.W.M., W. Blackstone (son of the Commentator on the "Laws of our Country") S.W., Sam. Beazley J.W., C. Carpenter Treasurer, Simon Stephenson Secretary, and Thomas Tinson Mas. Cer. We gather also from this account that the Lodge still continued to meet in 1796 as in 1777, at the Thatched House Tavern. This is the sum and substance of what Bro. Webb is indebted for to the *Freemasons' Magazine*, and, with the exception of the Warrant, dated, as we have said, 25th March 1777, in which occur the names of the petitioners, as well as of John Hull as W.M., R. Franco S.W. and Richard Barker J.W., this is all he is able to furnish re-

specting the history of the Lodge till the year 1814. Thenceforward he has had the minute books of the Lodge to consult, and he is enabled, therefore, to chronicle the principal events that have since happened, as well as to describe the general conduct of the Lodge, so far as it may be learned from these records. Thus we are told of the difference between the Nine Muses and the brethren of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, in connection with the Candlesticks. Bro. Ruspini, for reasons best known to himself, appears to have quitted the Muses and joined the Prince of Wales's, and to have presented to the latter the candlesticks which Bro. Franco had so generously given about the time when the Lodge was constituted. A smart interchange of resolutions took place between the two Lodges, but the candlesticks were restored to their first owners, and the difference, which Bro. Webb considers to have originated in a misapprehension, was at an end. The moral he deduces from this episode, namely, that Lodge property should be adequately cared for, will suggest itself to most of our readers. Later, we have mentioned the circumstances attending the temporary loss of the W.M.'s jewel. This had been lent to H.R.H. Duke of Sussex, and for some time mislaid, but it was restored in the year 1823, and the jewel provided as a substitute "seems to have been," ever since, "devoted to the use of the immediate Past Masters." As to what may be called the *vie intime* of the Lodge, this appears to have passed most pleasantly. The meetings were spent in a most agreeable manner, members took an interest in each other's welfare, not only within, but likewise outside, the precincts of the Lodge. The summer gatherings, when ladies were present, were mostly held at the Star and Garter, Richmond, and were most enjoyable, while benevolence, and a sympathetic and liberal regard for the claims of our poor and distressed brethren, were duties which the Nine Muses appear to have fulfilled most conscientiously on all occasions. We agree with Bro. Webb that it is most undesirable for a Lodge to change frequently its place of meeting, nor do the Nine Muses appear to have erred greatly in this respect. They met during the first forty-four years of their existence at the Thatched House Tavern. For the next forty-three years they met at Freemasons' Tavern, and for the nine years following at the Clarendon Hotel, Bond-street. In 1873 they removed to St. James's Hotel, Piccadilly; in 1874, after one meeting at Freemasons' Tavern, to the Queen's Hotel, Cork-street; and in 1875 to their present locality, Long's Hotel, Bond-street. In the Appendix is given a list, as far as it was possible to complete it, of the Worshipful Masters, and in connection with this, the author cites the names of four who have specially contributed to the maintenance of the Lodge in a state of efficiency during the latter half of the century. These are Bro. John Propert, who filled the chair in 1822, 1823, 1839, and 1846, and was Treasurer for some time; Bro. Francis Kearsy, W.M. in 1847, 1848, and 1850; Bro. C. B. Claydon, W.M. in 1842 and 1849, and Bro. John M. Clabon, whose zeal in the cause of Masonry is so well known and appreciated, who was W.M. in 1863 and 1869, and likewise fulfilled the duties of Secretary for several years. A transcript of the Centenary warrant, an inventory of the Lodge Jewels, Furniture, and Books, and a list of the present members, together with a copy of a memorandum on fly-leaf of the earliest Minute-book in possession of the Lodge, complete the contents of the Centennial sketch. It is to be regretted there were so few materials available, for it is evident, from the manner in which he has dealt with what existed, that had Bro. Webb been able to trace a connected history of the Lodge, he would have compiled a most interesting narrative. As it is, his fellow admirers of the Sacred Nine are deeply indebted to him for the very able manner in which he has discharged a self-imposed task. We, too, thank him for the opportunity he has so courteously afforded us of reading his history, and as every little scrap of information relating to the Lodge will doubtless be acceptable to him and to his co-members, we are pleased to be enabled to direct his attention to an entry in the *Freemasons' Calendar* for the year 1813, published under the sanction of Grand Lodge. Therein occurs, at p. 34, under the head of "Lodges *erased* for not conforming to the Laws of the Society, or *discontinued* on being united to other Lodges, since the alteration of the Numbers in 1792," the following entry in the year 1796, "350 L. of Rural Friendship, *united* to No. 330, L. of the Nine Muses." This union is also mentioned in the *Freemasons' Magazine* as having been ordered at

the meeting of Grand Lodge on 13th April 1796. The words are:

"ORDERED, That No. 350, Lodge of Rural Friendship, be discontinued on the List of Lodges, being *united* to No. 330, the Lodge of the Nine Muses, at the Thatched-House-Tavern, St. James's-street."

It will also interest him, perhaps, to learn that in the same *Freemasons' Calendar* are to be found, in the List of "Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, from its revival, A.D. 1717, to the present Time," the following names, which occur in Bro. Webb's narrative, in the ancient Warrant, or in the record quoted from the *Freemasons' Magazine*, 1796. John Hull, one of the petitioners for the Warrant, and the 1st W.M. of the Lodge was Secretary of the Board of Grand Stewards for 1773, and Junior G.W. in 1775. There is a "Rt. Biggin" among the Grand Stewards for 1778, and a Robert Biggin is one of the petitioners. There is a "Dr. Isaac Sequeira" among the G. Stewards in 1777, and an "Isaac Sequeira M.D." among the petitioners. Bart. Ruspini was a G. Steward in 1772 and G. Sword Bearer from 1791 to the time of his death in 1814. In the list of members in the extract from the *Freemasons' Magazine* are entered "Lord Viscount Tamworth, made December 8th 1773," "Earl Ferrers, admitted June 1779," "Earl of Effingham, admitted March 15th, 1779," "the Hon. Washington Shirley, made April 4th 1782," "Hon. William Ward, made 9th January 1783," "Lord Macdonald, admitted 13th February 1783," and "Sir Nicholas Nugent, Bart., admitted 1785." On referring to the *Freemasons' Calendar* in question, we find that the "Right Hon. Viscount Tamworth" was Senior G. Warden in 1779, and "the Earl Ferrers" was President of the Board of Grand Stewards in the same year. It should be noted, by the way, that Viscount Tamworth is the second title of the Earl Ferrers, and is borne, by courtesy, by his eldest son, so that if these are severally identical with the Viscount Tamworth and Earl Ferrers named in the extract, father and son may have been Grand Warden and President of Grand Stewards the same year. But this is not necessarily the case. Referring to the same authority, we find "Thomas Howard, Earl of Effingham," Acting Grand Master 1782-89; the "Hon. Washington Shirley"—a relative of the Earl Ferrers and Viscount Tamworth just mentioned—as Senior G. Warden and President of Board of Grand Stewards in 1783, and Prov. G. Master of Warwickshire in 1813; the "Hon. William Ward," Senior G. Warden and President of G. Stewards in 1784; Lord Macdonald, President of G. Stewards in 1786, and Senior G. Warden 1787; and Sir Nicholas Nugent, President of G. Stewards in 1785, and Senior G. Warden in 1786. Of those named as being officers in 1796, William Blackstone S.W. is among the G. Stewards for 1795, and there is a "Charles Carpenter" a G. Steward in 1794, who may be one and the same with "Charles Carpenter, Esq., Treasurer." Lastly, "Sir W. Rawlins, Knt.," who is referred to specially as one of the most active and valued members of the Lodge—at all events from 1814 to 1837, and for how much longer it is impossible to say, as the Minute books are lost—was W.M. from 1814 to 1818, resigning in the last year, and filled the same office again for the biennial period, 1820-2. Bro. Webb further states that he was Treasurer, 1824-35, and, on the authority of Debrett, that he was knighted in 1802, in which year he held the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex. On glancing down the list in *Freemasons' Calendar*, we find a "Sir William Rawlins" was a G. Steward in 1798, and, being marked with an asterisk, that he was a member of G. Stewards' Lodge in 1813. There is likewise a "Sir William Rawlins" named as Senior Warden in 1802. We do not say that all we have quoted from the Calendar are identical with those named in Bro. Webb's Record and Appendices, but there is a reasonable degree of probability they are. It should be added, that in the same Calendar, in the "LIST of SUBSCRIBERS to the HALL LOAN, agreeable to a Resolution of the GRAND LODGE on 21st June 1779" will be found the following names of members of the Lodge, on the assumption, of course, that the bearers of the respective names were severally identical with the names quoted by Bro. Webb:—"Earl of Effingham P.A.G.M.," "Earl Ferrers P.S.G.W."—this may possibly be the "Hon. Thomas Shirley," Senior Grand Warden in 1764 (or, perhaps, the Hon. Robert Shirley, Senior G.W. 1747-51) and Earl Ferrers of 1779; "Earl Ferrers P.S.G.W."—the same perhaps as Viscount Tamworth

S.G.W. 1779; the Hon. Wm. Ward, Sir Nic. Nugent, Bart., both P.S.G.W.'s; John Hull P.J.G.W., and first W.M. of the Nine Muses; and Chev. Bartholomew Ruspini, while No. "330 L. of Nine Muses, St. James's-street," is one of the twenty-six contributing Lodges. It may not be out of place to mention—though in doing so we are necessarily deviating from the strict record of the Lodge career—we say, it may not perhaps be out of place to state briefly that this subscription was raised for the purpose of paying off the debts due on account of the Hall, which at the time were found to be very considerable. In accordance, therefore, with the resolution as given above, it was resolved to raise £2,000 by loan, without interest, at the discretion of subscribers; £25 to be the limit for each subscriber, and one hundred to be the number of subscribers; the moneys so subscribed to be repaid, in equal proportions, among the subscribers, at such time as the Hall fund should admit. It was further resolved that an honorary medal should be presented to the subscribers, and, if a Master Mason, the wearer of such should be entitled to be present at, and vote in all, future meetings of Grand Lodge. The sum was soon raised and applied as intended.

We have exhausted our limited stock of information—which must be taken for what it is worth—as to the earlier and more obscure portions of the annals of this Lodge. If any of the particulars we have furnished should turn out to be of value, it will be a source of satisfaction to us to feel that we have done some service, no matter how trivial it may be, towards the greater elucidation of the history of so worthy and worshipful a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. May the same prosperity attend it in the future as in the past! And with this wish we wish you, O ye Nine Muses, heartily farewell!

BRO. THEODORE M. TALBOT,

LATE PROV. G.M. SOUTH WALES, EASTERN DIVISION.

AT the recent installation of Bro. Sir George Elliott, as Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, at Aberdare, no reference was made to the rare ability with which Bro. Talbot, assisted by his Deputy, Bro. Morris, had administered the affairs of the Province for eleven years. This omission gave grave offence at the time to several of the leading brethren in the Province, and it was felt that something should be done to remedy the grievance. Owing to the continued absence of one or two very influential Past Grand Officers of the Province, nothing, however, was done; the feeling of dissatisfaction gained strength, so that upon the return to South Wales of the influential Masons above spoken of, it at once found vent, and has resulted in a firm, but temperate Memorial, signed by nearly all the Past Grand Officers of the Province, addressed to Sir George Elliott, the P.G.M., requesting him to call a Grand Lodge of Emergency, at an early date, and at such place as may be most convenient to him, when the grave omission may be rectified, and the feelings of deep respect and warm regard to the late chief of the Province may have fitting expression. The rapidity and completeness with which the Memorial has been got up speaks volumes for the earnest wish of the Masons of South Wales that the conspicuous merits of their late Provincial Grand Master should be acknowledged and properly recognised.

We understand that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex is to be held next Thursday, at Romford, under the banner of the Hope and Unity Lodge, No. 214. In consequence of the continued indisposition of the Rev. P.G.M., Bro. R. J. Bagshawe, the R.W.D.P.G.M. (Bro. Matthew Clark) will preside over Provincial Grand Lodge.

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THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE Regular Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, England, was held on Wednesday. R.W. Bro. John Fawcett, Provincial Grand Master of Durham, presided. Bro. Captain Platt P.S.G.W. acted as S.G.W., and the Hon. W. Warren Vernon P.J.G.W. as J.G.W. The minutes of the last Quarterly Communication, and of the Grand Festival having been read and confirmed, the acting Grand Master announced that before the business of the evening was proceeded with, it would be as well, perhaps, that Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore should make the statement he was charged to make in respect of the two Lifeboats recently voted by Grand Lodge in commemoration of His Royal Highness the Grand Master's safe return from India. Thereupon his Lordship rose and said that the Committee appointed to confer with the authorities of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution as to the localities where it would be most desirable Commemorative Lifeboats should be placed, after a most careful consideration of the different places which had been mentioned, had arranged that one of them should be placed at the new watering-place, known as Clackton-on-Sea, and the other at Hope Cove, near Salcombe on the Coast of Devon. He further announced that the permission of the Prince of Wales had been asked for, and graciously allowed, to call the lifeboats the Albert Edward and the Alexandra respectively. His lordship's statement was greeted most warmly by those present. The Acting Grand Master then said that the Grand Master had been pleased to reappoint Bro. J. B. Monckton as President of the Board of General Purposes, and Bro. J. R. Rucker as President of the Colonial Board. Scrutineers were then appointed in connection with the election of the Board of General Purposes, the Colonial Board, and the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Report of the Lodge of Benevolence, recommending the several grants enumerated in our last issue, having been submitted, a discussion was raised by Bro. Brackstone Baker as to one of the sums, in which other brethren took part. Satisfactory explanations, however, were given, and the whole of the grants were approved. The Report of the Board of General Purposes was next submitted and agreed to. As regards the suggestion, in the third paragraph, that the number of trustees of the real property of Grand Lodge, now reduced to four, should be raised to ten, as originally fixed, Bro. McIntyre proposed, and Bro. P. de L. Long seconded, and it was unanimously agreed, that the trustees should be as follow, namely:—Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, Lord Tenterden, Sir Albert Woods (Garter), the Earl of Donoughmore, Bro. J. B. Monckton, Bro. John A. Rucker, and Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. The annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for the past year was then submitted, and the alteration in Law I., p. 15, to the effect that in the event of a widow marrying a second time, and again becoming a widow, she should be still eligible as a candidate, was approved. Bro. Benjamin Head then proposed the motion of which he had given notice, that the sum of £70 should be set apart from the Fund of General Purposes, and placed in the hands of the Secretary of the R.M.B.I. to provide the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season, and the motion having been duly seconded, was agreed to unanimously. The following, as regards the newly elected members, are the Board of General Purposes, Colonial Board and Committee of Management of the R.M.B.I. as now constituted, namely:—Board of General Purposes:—W. Masters: Bros. Major Shadwell H. Clerke, A. B. Cook 259, W. G. Casins 197, Frank Green 1567, E. March 410, Jas. Muzio 1150, J. G. Stevens 933, Alfred Strong 1118, Arthur J. R. Trendell 29; Past Masters Bros. Daniel Betts 1351, Bishop 66, Dubois 1326, C. F. Hogard 205, H. C. Levander 632. Colonial Board—Bros. Brackstone Baker 21, Fr. Bennoch 1, J. Brett 177, J. Gibson 259, R. F. Gould 92, Griffiths Smith 569, Dr. Erasmus Wilson 2. Committee of Management—Bros. J. Brett, C. A. Cottebrune, T. Cabbitt, J. A. Farnfield, C. F. Hogard, H. M. Levy, J. G. Stevens, A. H. Tattershall, H. G. Warren, T. W. White. Grand Lodge was then closed. Among those present were Bros. H. D. Sandeman, S. Rawson, Rev. R. J. Simpson, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Rev. W. Lake Onslow, J. C. Parkinson, J. M. Clabon, J. B. Monckton, J. A. Rucker, Raynham W. Stewart, Willing jun., H. A. Dubois, W. Hyde Pullen, C. L. Matier, Capt. Philips, P. de L. Long, Sir Albert Woods, Z. McIntyre Q.C., C. F. Hogard, Jas. Terry, S. B. Wilson, G. F. McKay, Taylor, J. Constable, Captain Wordsworth, &c.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

ON Saturday, the 2nd inst., the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of Sussex assembled at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, for the purpose of the installation of Bro. Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., M.P., of West Grinstead Park, Sussex, as Prov. G.M. The meeting was held under the presidency of V.W. Bro. John Hervey, P.G.D. and G.S. England, assisted by members and officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Shortly after four o'clock, the Installing Master, together with the Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers, present and past, entered the Music Room, and opened the Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Vincent P. Freeman, Prov. Grand Secretary, read the minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge; they were unanimously confirmed. The Prov. G. Sec. reported that he had received numerous letters from distinguished brethren, regretting their inability to attend; the Installing Master then proceeded to address the Provincial Grand Lodge, stating the object of the meeting, and remarked that his feelings were those of regret, mingled with pleasure—regret that so worthy a brother as Lord Pelham had been compelled from ill-health to relinquish the post he had adorned—and pleasure that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, had selected R. W. Bro. Sir Walter Wyndham

Burrell to succeed him. The arrival of the R. W. Provincial Grand Master of Sussex designate having been announced, he was requested to send in his patent. This having been secured by the Director of Ceremonies, and presented to and examined by the Installing Master, a deputation of Masters and Past Masters was directed to retire with the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies to introduce the R. W. Provincial Grand Master designate to the Installing Master. This ceremony having been completed, the Provincial Grand Secretary read the Patent, and after prayer by the Acting Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Installing Master proceeded with the impressive installation, and invested the R. W. Provincial Grand Master designate with the marks of office, and placed him in the chair. Bro. Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell having been duly proclaimed and saluted, expressed the pleasure he felt in occupying so high a post of honour, and proceeded to correct an erroneous impression that existed in the minds of "outsiders," that Bro. Furner had resigned his position as Deputy Provincial Grand Master because he had been passed over in the appointment of Prov. G.M. He read letters showing that Bro. Furner had tendered his resignation previous to that of Bro. Lord Pelham, but that the latter had prevailed upon him to reconsider his retirement. Lord Pelham too had placed his own resignation in the hands of the M.W.G.M. of England, but withdrew it, feeling that he could secure much valuable assistance from his Deputy Prov. G.M. When, however, the latter felt compelled to retire, Bro. Lord Pelham relinquished the post of Prov. G.M., and thus enabled him (Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell) to occupy the proud position of Prov. G.M. of Sussex. As to his own appointment, he intended to visit every Lodge in the Province. Bro. John Henderson Scott was appointed Deputy Prov. G.M.; after his patent had been read he was addressed by the R.W. Prov. G.M. on the duties of his office, then obligated, invested and placed in the chair. After the usual proclamation and salutation, the R.W. Prov. G.M. appointed and invested the following as Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. Trollope M.D., P.M. No. 10, Prov. S.G.W., C. J. Pocock P.M. No. 271, Prov. J.G.W., C. Walker W.M. 811, Prov. G. Chap., C. A. Woolley P.M. No. 311, Prov. G. Reg., V. P. Freeman No. 732, Prov. G. Sec., B. H. Thorpe P.M. No. 1,184, Prov. S.G.D., R. Bramwell P.M. No. 271, Prov. J.G.D., C. Tomes P.M. No. 1,110, Prov. G.S. of W., J. Dixon P.M. No. 271, Prov. G.D. of C., T. H. Cole P.M. No. 40, Prov. G.A.D. of C., Walter Smith P.M. No. 732, Prov. G.S.B., Alfred King No. 271, Prov. G. Org., J. Eberall P.M. No. 315, Prov. G. Purs., G. Tatham Prov. G. Treas., C. Sandeman P.M. No. 315, J. M. Kidd P.M. No. 732, G. Moren P.M. No. 916, and T. S. Byass P.M. No. 1,465, Prov. G. Stewards; and T. Hughes G. Tyler. The Provincial Grand Officers having been saluted, Bro. Trollope proposed, and Bro. Challen seconded, the appointment of a Committee to examine and amend the bye-laws, and report to Grand Lodge, the Committee to consist of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Prov. S.G. Warden, Prov. J.G. Warden, Prov. G. Registrar, Prov. G. Secretary, Prov. G. Treasurer, and Bros. Kidd, Challen, Cunningham, C. J. Smith, and Eberall. Bro. C. J. Smith moved, as an amendment, that the Committee should consist of one brother from each Lodge. Bro. Mark Tanner seconded, and after a brief discussion the original proposition was declared carried. It was also resolved that votes of thanks should be tendered to the retiring Prov. G.M. and Deputy Prov. G.M., for their eminent services in the past, the form of thanks to be inscribed on vellum. This concluded the business of the meeting, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The banquet followed, and was supplied by Bros. Sayers and Marks—caterers who never fail to give the utmost satisfaction. The chair was taken by the newly installed Prov. G.M., while over a hundred brethren were present. The toasts, to which ample justice was done, were "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. of England," "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M.," "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale Deputy G.M. and Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Bro. W. Kuhe, P.G.O. of England, responded to the last, and apologised for the absence of other members of Grand Lodge, who had been compelled to leave to catch their trains. He congratulated the R.W. the Prov. G.M. upon his appointment, and expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing his old friend Bro. Scott appointed as Deputy Prov. G.M. He embraced the opportunity of thanking those brethren who joined with the members of his own Lodge in presenting him with the clothing of P.G. Organist of England. Bro. Hallett proposed the health of "The R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Sussex." In responding, the Prov. G.M. acknowledged the cordial reception which had been accorded to him in the afternoon. Reverting to his appointment, he assured the brethren that he at first hesitated to accept the honourable post, but at the earnest solicitation of Bro. Scott and others he consented to take it. Had he a "tongue more tuneable than lark to shepherd's ears," he could do ample justice in responding to the toast; he, however, assured the brethren that he intended (as he stated in the afternoon) to visit each Lodge in the Province should he continue to be blessed with health and strength. He threw out valuable hints as to the business of the Province, and felt assured that so long as the brethren continued to encourage charity, love and truth, morality and loyalty, no one could speak against the cause of Masonry. The remaining toasts were the "R.W. Bro. J. H. Scott, Dep. Prov. G.M. of Sussex, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge present and past," "The Visitors," "The Worshipful Masters of the Province of Sussex," and the "Tyler's Toast." Bro. J. H. Scott, in responding to the toast bearing his name, was deeply sensitive of the honour conferred upon him—an honour he had on a previous occasion refused. He felt a difficulty in following his illustrious predecessors, but would do his utmost to merit the confidence reposed in him. Bro. Scott was warmly applauded. During the evening some glees and songs were rendered, in excellent style, by Bros. Frank Elmoro, Henry Taylor, and C. Tinney, while Bro. W. Roe was a most efficient accompanist. The Prov. Grand Stewards must be congratulated upon the success of the whole meeting.—*Brighton Daily News.*

CONSECRATION OF THE LONDESBOROUGH LODGE, No. 1681.

AMONG the numerous Lodges lately constituted bearing the name of brethren distinguished in the Order few have been consecrated under more favourable auspices than the Londesborough, which has been specially honoured by the Right Hon. Lord Londesborough, P.M. 734, giving it the sanction of his name, and by his becoming its first Master. The recent death of the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot has taken from the Lodge one of its founders, for, as we mentioned in referring to that nobleman's death, he was one of the brethren who signed the petition. Much as all must regret this occurrence, we hope the new Lodge will not suffer from the loss of so distinguished a brother, but will prosper, and become, as from its inauguration it bids fair to be, one of the most influential of our London Lodges. Bro. W. Runting, P.M. 740, was the S.W., and Bro. Geo. Bubb, P.M. 180 and 795, the J.W. designate, while Bro. Geo. Read P.M. was the acting Secretary. The Consecration ceremony, which had been entrusted to the R.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, took place on Thursday last, at the Masonic Hall, Air-st. Regent-st., and was carried out by him with his well known ability, he being ably assisted by Bros. Col. Stuart P.G.D. as S.W., T. Fenn P.A.G.D.C. as J.W., H. G. Buss A.G.S., Rev. P. M. Holden P.G.C. Middlesex, B. Swallow P.M. 1563, &c. Bro. John Hervey, in very appropriate terms addressed the brethren, and congratulated the Lodge on the acceptance by the noble Lord of the position of its first Master; his social, as well as his Masonic position, made it an honour to the Lodge, and the brethren might be proud of having him amongst them. He represented a Masonic Family, his father having been initiated 40 years since, and had held the position of Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England. Their W.M. designate was initiated 20 years since, and he also was a Past Senior Grand Warden. In undertaking the Mastership of the Lodge, he incurred a great responsibility, but he (Bro. Hervey) was sure the brethren would support their Master, and, by being punctual and perfect in their respective duties, take a great part of the trouble off his hands. A Masonic Lodge might be compared to a piece of machinery, and, as such, ought to be perfect in all its component parts, he hoped the brethren for their part would carry out their duties, as he felt perfectly sure their Master would do. They must consider themselves as the *New Londesborough Lodge*, there being another Lodge of the same name in the Provinces, and he hoped that by good working their Lodge would become a credit to the Craft. The Rev. P. M. Holden followed, with an oration on the nature and principles of the Order, his impressive remarks being listened to with attention. He congratulated the brethren on the favourable auspices under which they had started, and complimented them on their Master, whose motto, "Adversa virtute repello," adorned the room. A board of 23 Installed Masters being formed, the W.M. elect was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Hervey. On the re-admission of the brethren, who saluted the new Master in due form, he proceeded to invest the following as his officers: W. Runting S.W., Geo. Bubb J.W., Barfield P.M. Treas., G. Read P.M. Sec., W. Cole S.D., R. Burleton J.D., D. H. Harrison I.G., T. Schofield P.M. Tyler. Hearty good wishes having been given by the members, the W.M., in felicitous terms, proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. J. Hervey, Col. Stuart, T. Fenn, Rev. P. M. Holden, and H. G. Buss for their valuable services in consecrating the Lodge. This was seconded by Bro. Barfield, and carried. Bro. G. Bubb, the J.W., proposed that, in addition to the thanks which had already been voted to them, "that these several brethren be elected honorary members of the Lodge." Bro. Col. Stuart acknowledged the compliment paid the consecrating officers, and after several propositions for initiation and joining had been handed in, the Lodge was closed, until August. The musical portion of the ceremony was efficiently conducted by Bros. Farquharson, Cozens, Fox, Fountain and Meen, under the direction of Bro. L. Beck. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was provided by Bro. Nicols, and gave great satisfaction. After grace had been said by the Rev. P. M. Holden, the Right W. Lord Londesborough, the W.M., proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. The national Anthem followed, Bros. Fox and Coste singing the solo parts. The toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. was next given, the W.M. expressing his pleasure that they had so popular a man to preside over them. Bro. F. H. Cozens sang God bless the Prince of Wales. The toast of the Pro Grand Master was then duly honoured, and was followed by that of the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, with this toast the W.M. had great pleasure in coupling the name of Bro. John Hervey G.S. The present was the first day he had had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Hervey, and he hoped that a friendship, which might continue for years, would arise from the meeting. Bro. Hervey said he would always be pleased to acknowledge the toast of the Grand Officers, especially so long as they had such Masons among them as Lord Skelmersdale. He had to thank the brethren for the very hearty reception they had given them. As consecrating officer, he hoped he had done the work to the satisfaction of the brethren; he personally had to thank Bros. Col. Stuart, Fenn and Buss, for their able assistance, and on their behalf, as well as for himself, he thanked the brethren. He must ask them now to allow him to propose a toast, one he was sure that would give them great pleasure. Their W.M. had hitherto done duty in the Province to which he belongs, and comes among them as a Past Grand Officer of England; he hoped he would become a shining light in London Masonry; he concluded by calling upon them to drink the health of their W.M., and prosperity to the Lodge. The W.M. thanked the brethren for selecting him to preside over them; he hoped the Lodge would become a credit to the Order. Bro. Philbrick Q.C. P.G.D. rose. He felt it an honour to propose the toast of the Founders. He spoke of the chronological events in connection with the date of consecration, and the application of the number of the Lodge. What was required in a new Lodge was

quality, not quantity. He hoped they would be successful. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Col. Stuart P.G.D., who replied in a very able manner. Br. Fenn said he had been selected to propose the health of the visitors, he hoped they would visit the Lodge on some future occasion. They were numerous, and many of them distinguished in the Order. He would couple the name of Bro. Philbrick with the toast. Bro. Philbrick said he could hardly find words to return thanks for the array of visitors. On their behalf he could only hope the Lodge would continue as flourishing as it had commenced. Col. Baunister and Rev. P. M. Holden also replied to the toast. The former said it was his first visit to a London Lodge. He had the honour to be associated with their W.M. in the provinces. He hoped they would have the pleasure of seeing the Grand Secretary down in Yorkshire, where he is universally esteemed, and if any of the brethren present were down in Yorkshire he would always be pleased to meet them. Bro. Holden thanked the members for having selected him to perform the duties of Chaplain; he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the Charities, with which he coupled the name of Bro. Bubb the J.W. Bro. Buss proposed the health of the Wardens, after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the evening's enjoyment brought to a conclusion. The visitors were Bros. J. Hervey G.S., E. H. Hirsch S.W. 235, T. A. Philbrick Q.C., P.G.D., B. Swallow P.M. City of Westminster, Grunebaum P.M. 1017, Levitt 180, T. Fenn P.G.D.C., Fletcher 180, J. Wade 860, H. H. Hodges, P.G.S. Berks and Bucks, T. Pinn 860, Farquharson, E. C. Willan 511, H. G. Buss A.G.S., S. Jones W.M. 1425, L. Beck 1559, S. C. Scott 771, Edmunds, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Emmanuel Nine Muses, Fletcher 180, Major Baunister P.G.D. North and East Yorkshire.

THE GRAND MARK LODGE.

THE half-yearly communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of England and Wales, &c., &c., was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday afternoon. The Earl of Limerick R.W. G.M.M.M. presided. There was a numerous gathering of Grand Officers and other brethren. The Report of the General Board was submitted. It began with a most gratifying announcement as to the increase and prosperity of the Mark Degree, as shown by the issue of no less than 522 certificates during the half-year ended 31st March, and further stated that early in April the new Mark Province of Monthshire was constituted, Bro. Lorenzo Augustus Homfray being installed as the first Prov. G.M.M.M. The Board also stated that old T.I.M. Lodge, "The Lebanon," of Liverpool, had accepted a warrant of confirmation from the M.W.G.M.M.M. Three grants of £20, £25, and £20 respectively were recommended and agreed to. The suggestion that the number of Grand Deacons should be increased from two to four was accepted. The question whether, without consent of Grand Lodge, the M.W.G.M.M.M. had power to confer Past Master's rank on brethren who had not served the office of W.M. for a whole year was decided in the negative. It was also arranged, in accordance with the Board's recommendation, that the accounts of Grand Lodge should be audited every month, and that the auditor's fee should be increased to £25. The Grand Treasurer's accounts, as audited, were then submitted and received. They showed a balance in favour of Grand Lodge on the General Fund of £205 16s 10d, and on the Fund of Benevolence of £161 13s 8d. The Earl of Limerick was then installed as M.W.G.M.M.M., and having been proclaimed and saluted, expressed his gratification at the increasing prosperity of Mark Masoury, and his hope that the increase might be maintained. The following were then appointed as Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and invested and saluted, namely:—Lord Skelmersdale Deputy G.M.M.M., the Earl of Donoughmore G.S.W., Sir Henry St. John Halford, Bart. G.J.W., Revs. P. M. Holden and F. W. Thoys G. Chaplains, Frederic Davison G. Treas., H. C. Levander G. Reg., Frederick Binckes G. Sec., A. B. Cook G.M. Overseer, D. M. Dewar G.S. Overseer, J. D. Moore M.D. G.J. Overseer, W. Rowe and R. C. Else G.S. Deacons, A. Spears and T. C. Roden M.D. G.J. Deacons, W. Wigginton G.S. of Works, Robt. Berridge G.D. of C., Walter Spencer G.A.D. of C., W. Hyde Pullen G. Sword Br., Joseph G. Podelvin G. Std. Br., W. T. Belcher G. Org., Thomas Poore G.I.G., J. Tomlinson, S. S. Pearce, M. Crowden, S. Robinson, G. J. McKay, H. M. Baker, George Boulton G. Stewards, Bros. the Rev. G. R. Portal, W. F. Gumbleton, T. Meggy, S. Rosenthal, C. F. Matier, R. W. Edis and Dibdin were appointed by the M.W.G.M.M.M., and Bros. Magnus Ohren, Sabine, Dewar, Cubitt, W. Roebuck, were elected by G. Lodge as members of the General Board. It was then announced that an invitation had been received to hold a moveable Grand Lodge in the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, and the invitation having been renewed on this occasion by Bro. G. J. Mackay, was accepted, it being arranged that it should be held some time in the month of September, at a locality to be hereafter determined. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, the Earl of Donoughmore, in the absence of the M.W.G.M.M.M., occupying the chair. It is almost needless to add that his lordship proved a most excellent president, and in the course of his different speeches made several amusing hits, which were greeted most heartily. The following are the new Lodges for which warrants have been granted since the last Communication:—Earl of Chester, Exeter, 196; Studholme, London 197; Croydon, Croydon, 198; Duke of Connaught, Dalston, 199; Lazar, Hokitika, 200; Wahab, Bengal, 201; St. Mark's in the South, Tasmania, 202.

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RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE. CONSECRATION OF THE INVERURIE CONCLAVE, No 9, AT DUNDEE.

LORD INVERURIE, who has recently been elected Grand Viceroy of Scotland, in the place of Major Hamilton Ramsay, deceased, presided at the opening of a New Conclave, at Dundee, on the 31st ult. His lordship being also Intendant General for Forfar and Kincardineshire, the petitioners, Sir Knights Kelt, Brown, Henry MacFarlane, Mac Durand and Hay, had determined to name it after his Lordship. The meeting was held in the Upper Hall of the premises belonging to the Lodge Ancient, No. 49, Dundee, which, with its appropriate decorations, was well adapted for the purpose. A Grand Imperial Conclave was opened by Lord Inverurie as Grand Sov., Dr. Beveridge I.G.S.G. in the chair of the Grand Viceroy, G. W. Wheeler Grand Chancellor, R. S. Brown Grand Recorder, J. Crichton Grand Treasurer, John Crombie Grand Examiner, J. B. Shaw Grand Vice-Chancellor, and C. Grimsby E.V. No. 1; there were also present deputations from Edinburgh, Aberdeen, and Glasgow. There being eleven approved candidates in waiting, the I.G. Sov., with the assistance of his Officers, in a very able manner installed them as Knights of the Order. He then proceeded to Consecrate the New Conclave, and also the Hall to the purposes of the Order. The newly constituted Conclave having elected Andrew Kelt as the first M.P.S., R. Brown as E.V.E., and also recommended Sir Knts. MacFarlane and Capt. Leith Hay as Hon. Sovs., a Council of Viceroy was held, and afterwards a Senate of Sovereigns, in which the Sov. and past Sov. of Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 6 were present, when these grades were conferred on the four Knights named above, who were duly saluted by the Knights on their re-admission to the Conclave, which was then closed in due form. A number of duly qualified Knights having expressed their desire to take the degree of K.H.S. and St. John, whilst the deputations were present, his Lordship kindly consented, and opened a Sanctuary of K.H.S. as I.R.K.P., Dr. Beveridge as I.P., J. Gregory I.P.S., G. W. Wheeler 1st L., J. Crichton 2nd L., P. S. Brown G. of S.V. When Sir Knights Kelt, Brown, MacFarlane and Captain Leith Hay were entrusted with the sublime secrets of that degree, and subsequently with those of the Knights of St. John the Evangelist.

The Sir Knights, after their protracted labours, repaired to the St. David's Chapter-rooms, Bank-street, which had been kindly placed at their disposal. The chair was filled by Sir Knight Kelt, the newly installed M.P.S. of No. 9, who is also the R.W.M. of Lodge Ancient, No. 49, Sir Knight MacFarlane Hon. Sov. No. 9, first Principal of St. David Chapter, and R.W.M. of 225, Forfar and Kincardine Lodge, being croupier. Upwards of forty sat down to the banquet, and after full justice had been done to the excellent purveyance of Bro. Barthe, the Chairman gave the usual Loyal toasts. Captain Leith Hay, Hon. Sov. No. 9, responded for the Army, and Capt. J. Crombie M.P.S. of No. 6, Aberdeen, for the Volunteers. The Chairman then gave the Grand Council of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine for Scotland, and Lord Inverurie. They had all seen how well his Lordship had performed the arduous labours of that day, involving as it did so many different ceremonies,—they were also deeply indebted to him, not only for his kindness in coming there and so ably presiding, but also for the very valuable present of the banner he had given them, and he thought that as they had taken his name for their Conclave, they would never disgrace it by any unworthy act of theirs. (Cheers.)

Lord Inverurie, in reply, said, He felt a real interest in Masonry, and was determined to be something more than a mere idle member. He felt a great regard for the Red Cross Order, and having been appointed Intendant General for Forfar and Kincardine, he felt that he must do some work. Naturally, he turned his thoughts to Dundee, with its seven Lodges. He saw his friend Kelt, and one or two others, and the result was before them. He was proud to think that what he had been able to do to-day had given them satisfaction; it was his first attempt at any of the ceremonies in public, but he hoped to be able to do better when he had more practice; a Consecration was not an every day affair, and he should not be satisfied till he had consecrated another Conclave in Dundee, one in Arbroath, and four or five others in the Province. (Cheers). For what little he had been able to do for them, they were very welcome. The Banner and the Conclave bore his name, and he thought it was he that should return thanks rather than receive them. (Cheers.)

His Lordship again rose, to propose a vote of thanks to the Sir Knights who had come forward to assist him. They had been honoured with large deputations, both from Aberdeen and Edinburgh, and he felt that without their assistance in the work the meeting would not have been so successful.

Dr. Beveridge, I.G.S.G. and Intendant General for Aberdeen, replied for the Aberdeen Knights. They had been pleased to attend to welcome a new Conclave into their midst; at present he had only one Conclave under him, but, like Lord Inverurie, he was in hopes of soon having others to consecrate.

R. S. Brown I.G.R. replied for Edinburgh, and congratulated them on the progress the Order was making. The Grand Council for Scotland was formed in July last, with six Conclaves; since then one had been opened at Nairn, another in Ayr, and to-day they had No. 9, at Dundee. The Order was not like a Craft Lodge, or even a Chapter; he therefore thought they should be proud of the progress they had made in the first year. G. W. Wheeler G.C., as the only representative of the Glasgow Conclave No. 3 present, wished to propose prosperity to No. 9; they had been started to-day under very favourable auspices, with a good number of candidates, and he was informed six more gentlemen would be installed at their next meeting. They had had the advantage of seeing the best workers, from the oldest Conclaves; the assistance of their indefatigable Recorder, who was a host in himself, the patronage and name of the nobleman who stood second in the Order, the help of Dr. Beveridge, whose name was a tower of strength in the north of Scotland, and he, with the other visitors, was deeply indebted to their Dundee friends, for affording them such an opportunity of meeting together, to wish

prosperity to the Inverurie No. 9, and long life to her first Sovereign. (Cheers.) Sir Knt. Kelt M.P.S. thanked Bro. Wheeler and the rest of the visitors for their kind wishes. He was not a speaker, but he hoped to prove himself a worker in the cause, and if the Conclave did not prosper, it should not be for want of any help he could give it. The Croupier, in very felicitous terms, proposed the health of Colonel Robertson, the United States Consul at Leith, who had come to grace their meeting, and who had displayed all that enthusiasm that distinguishes our Masonic brethren on the other side of the Atlantic. Colonel Robertson expressed the pleasure it had given him to be present to witness the opening of a new Conclave of the Order, as he was sure the Order only wanted to be known to be more widely appreciated. The visiting brethren were here obliged to leave, to get to their respective trains; but the Dundee brethren continued for some time longer, to enjoy the Feast of Reason and the Flow of Soul.

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To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I noticed, some time since, a report in your columns of a meeting of the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, at which it was suggested that London Lodges should combine together for voting purposes, as is the practice in many Provinces. I think the scheme is in the first place objectionable on general grounds, but especially because it omits all consideration of the merits of the different candidates. This, of course, applies equally to Provincial organisations of a similar character as to this proposed London one. In the next place, I consider the suggestion is impracticable. I do not see how even the most influential brethren will induce all London to combine together for this or other purposes. Different Lodges are likely to be actuated by different views, and I fancy it will be found that in many cases these different views are irreconcilable. More good is likely to be done if brethren interested in the success of a candidate will follow the example of Bros. Stevens and Barnes. Assuming they are satisfied, on inquiry, that a case is worth supporting, let them find out who the men are they will have to work with them, and if they think them capable, and that there is a fair chance of succeeding, let them set to work might and main, and I do not think they will be less fortunate than the two worthy brethren whose names I have cited.

Yours fraternally,

GREY FRIAR.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

A FEW years since the question was fully discussed in this country whether the existence of a secret society should be tolerated in a republican government; and when those who belonged to such societies were found not to yield to the force of the arguments adduced, the learned legislators of several states concocted and enacted certain sage laws, the object of which was to destroy all societies of this character. This was one of those chapters of human history which all men should read, both in its inception and results. It was, by no means, our first trial. We had before been "excommunicated by the Pope, because we were antimonarchical—assailed by some Protestant sectaries, because we were anti-republicans—and proscribed by Tom Paine, because we were too religious." Having previously escaped unscathed from this amusing variety of attack, we "waited patiently," agreeable to our principles, to see what we were to be shown next. And we have not been disappointed in our expectations. Masonry remains precisely where it was; but how has been the result as to secret societies in general? Odd Fellowship—a society scarcely known twenty years ago—took new life, and that three linked chain now numbers its tens of thousands, and competes, in the cause of humanity, with the "old handmaid"—Sons of Temperance, and Brothers of Temperance, and Rechabites, now display publicly their collars and their rosettes, and hardly drink cold water together without the word, the sign, or the grip. Surely that old argument against secret societies has produced strange results, and in its effects is a good specimen of the old apothegm for interpreting dreams—always "to explain them by the rule of contrary." In short, secret societies seem to have increased in a geometrical ratio under the influence of argument, and that increase is the natural and fair commentary upon the merits of the discussion. And then, those sage pieces of legislation—almost equal in wisdom to those against the Quakers, and Baptists, and witches of Massachusetts—where are they, and where are the convictions under them? Echo answers "where." They stand already as "obsolete ideas" upon the statute books, no very honourable memorials of the spirit which inspired them.

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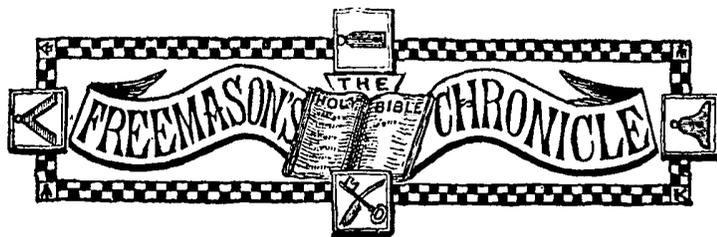
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE House of Lords met on Monday, for the first time after the Whitsun recess. A question was asked by Earl Granville respecting the Burials Bill, and the Earl of Belmore drew attention to the inconvenience and danger to the public of having joint railway stations. A few minutes sufficed for the despatch of business on Tuesday. The House of Commons reassembled on the 31st ult. On the motion to go into Committee of Supply, various questions were discussed in connection with the Eastern Question, telegraphic communication with Lundy Island, and the policy of the Government. In Committee, an amendment to reject the estimate for the Lord Privy Seal was defeated by 104 to 46. Many other of the Civil Service Estimates were passed, and after rejecting a proposed new clause for the Customs, Inland Revenue, and Savings' Bank Bill, and despatching other business, the House adjourned. On Friday, a motion of Lord C. Hamilton, respecting Harbour Accommodation on the North-east coast of England, was rejected, shortly after which the House was counted out. The greater part of Monday's sitting was occupied in Committee in discussing the remaining clauses of the Oxford and Cambridge Universities Bill. Several divisions took place, some of which were close enough to be received with cheers by the Opposition, but the Government carried their Bill safely through this stage. The rest of the business was quickly disposed of. On Tuesday, a desultory conversation took place as to Russia's intentions as to the observance or non-observance of the Maritime Declaration of Paris, and the neutrality of the Suez Canal, in the course of which Mr. Jenkins, in speaking of the "arrogance" of certain British pretensions, was greeted with cries of dissatisfaction. A debate ensued on the Prisons' Bill as amended, its further consideration being ultimately postponed. A motion of Mr. Mitchell Henry, on Irish taxation, was rejected by 191 to 70. Then Mr. Whalley, in calling attention to a petition about the Tichborne case, in which the petitioner prayed to be heard at the Bar of the House, frightened members away, and the House was counted out, at a quarter to one o'clock. On Wednesday afternoon, the House discussed the second reading of the Women's Disabilities Removal Bill. Several members took part in the debate,

which resulted in the Bill being talked out, amid ironical cheers.

On Saturday, which was set apart for the public celebration of Her Majesty's 58th birthday, the weather was anything but the proverbial Queen's weather. But then Her Majesty was at Balmoral, and that circumstance may have made the Clerk of the Weather somewhat less condescending than of yore to Her Majesty's lieges. Be this as it may, there was a considerable crowd of spectators to witness the interesting ceremony of trooping the colours. The three younger children of the Prince and Princess of Wales viewed the sight from some windows overlooking the Horse Guards' parade, and there were present, likewise, the children of the Duke and Duchess of Teck, and the Prince Imperial. The ceremony was performed in presence of H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief, and the Prince of Wales, who were attended by a numerous and brilliant staff. When the trooping was over, the Guards marched past in slow and quick time, a Royal salute was fired, and the Princes and staff left the ground. At noon, the usual salutes were fired from the Tower and Park guns, and the Hon. Artillery Company had the wonted parade at their Head Quarters in Finsbury. Banquets in honour of the occasion were given by the Earl of Beaconsfield, Sir Stafford Northcote, Mr. Cross, the Earl of Derby, the Marquis of Salisbury, Mr. G. Ward Hunt, the Earl of Carnarvon, and Mr. Hardy. There were the usual illuminations at the West-end, and crowds paraded the streets till a late hour, admiring the display, which in Regent-street, Piccadilly, and the region of clubs, was very effective. The same evening the Prince of Wales left London for Paris, in order to meet the Princess, who reached the latter city from Athens, *via* Brindisi, late that night. The Prince arrived in the French capital on Sunday morning, and their Royal Highnesses left it on Wednesday evening, arriving at Marlborough House on the following morning. The young Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales have been appointed supernumerary Naval Cadets to H.M.S. Britannia. The elder of the two boys is in his fourteenth year, while the younger completed his twelfth year on Sunday last. A Levee, which was numerously attended, was held, in accordance with Her Majesty's command, by the Prince of Wales, on Thursday afternoon, at St. James's Palace.

It is with regret we announce the death, after a brief illness, of the Queen of the Netherlands. Her Majesty, who was a frequent visitor to this country, was the daughter of the late King of Wurtemberg, and was born 17th June 1818. She was married on 14th June 1839, and leaves issue two sons, the Prince of Orange and Prince Alexander, the latter of whom was some time since initiated into Freemasonry by his great uncle, Prince Frederick of the Netherlands. The funeral is fixed for the 20th instant. In consequence of this event, the State Concert, which was fixed for Wednesday, did not take place; and, moreover, the Court has gone into mourning for the usual period.

It is satisfactory to know that Mdle. Titien, who has recently undergone a serious surgical operation, is progressing favourably towards recovery, her medical attendants having, in reply to the inquiries of Her Majesty, pronounced her out of danger. This news has been received most thankfully by the public, with whom Mdle. Titien enjoys a wide and well-merited popularity.

It is not yet certain that Bro. Sir John Bennett has been elected Alderman of the Ward of Cheap. The poll was in his favour by a majority of one, the votes being—for Sir John Bennett 234, and for his opponent, Mr. Waddell, 233. The latter, however, demanded a scrutiny, which has been fixed for the 22nd instant, and will be looked forward to by the citizens with great interest. The ground of the scrutiny was that many of the votes taken were irregular.

A serious accident occurred at Bath, on Wednesday, by the fall of a bridge over the river Avon. This week has been held in that city the annual exhibition of the Bath and West of England Agricultural Society, and consequently the fine old place has been crowded with visitors from all directions. About 11 a.m. an excursion train arrived, bringing a fresh contingent of sightseers, many of whom made for the bridge, by which they were given to understand they would reach the show more speedily. Accordingly, some two hundred people made their way to the frail structure, when it suddenly gave way, and all were precipitated, either into the water or on to the banks of the river. At first, the most alarming rumours prevailed as to the loss of life thus caused, but eventually it was learned that seven

people had been killed, and a very considerable number more or less seriously injured. It is believed that many others are still missing, so that the lists of death is not yet complete; while of the injured many are reported as having been fatally hurt. The inquest was begun on Thursday.

The Horse Show was opened on Saturday morning, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. The attendance that day was greatly in excess of any previous opening day. Shortly after ten o'clock the judges of the Hunter classes commenced operations, and the work was continued through Monday and Tuesday, the leaping prizes for ponies having been reserved for the latter day. The genial summer weather of Monday drew crowds of visitors, nor has the more variable weather of the following days proved any drawback to the attendance. Yesterday was the last day, and, all things considered, we imagine the management will have every reason to be satisfied with the results of the Exhibition.

On Saturday the Civil Service Athletic Club, availing itself of the usual holiday which is granted for the Queen's birthday in all Government offices, held their annual athletic meeting at the Lillie Bridge Grounds, West Brompton. There was a good muster of spectators, though the day was by no means favourable for outdoor recreation. The arrangements were under the charge, as usual, of Mr. William Morse, and gave entire satisfaction. Mr. F. A. Hawker acted as judge, and Messrs. Beauford and Eaton as starters. The only new feature was the introduction of the now deservedly popular Tug of War, in which one of the teams representing the India Office ultimately won the prize. The same day the London University College held their Annual Athletic Meeting at the New Stamford Bridge Ground of the London Athletic Club. In the way of cricket there have been several first class matches, in one of which, between North and South, for the benefit of the Cricketers' Fund, Mr. W. G. Grace made one of his tremendous scores. He played for the South, and made 261 out of 452 from the bat. The North were easily beaten in one innings, their two totals together only reaching 296. In the match between Cambridge and the Gentlemen, the former were victorious in one innings by 56 runs. The Inter-University match is fixed for the 25th instant and following days, and to judge from the performances of the rival elevens, there is every reason to expect that victory will incline to the Light Blue. Yachting and other sports are in full swing, and on Saturday last was held the usual Middle Park Yearling sale. There were forty-two lots sold, the amount realised being 12,285 guineas, or an average of 273 guineas per lot. The highest price was 1,500 guineas.

On Wednesday evening, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained, at dinner, at the Mansion House, Her Majesty's Judges, together with a considerable number of the members of the bar of England, there being over 200 guests. The Lord Chief Justice replied to the toast of the Judges, Lord Hatherley responded for the House of Lords, Mr. Roebuck for the House of Commons, and the Solicitor General for the Bar. The health of the Lady Mayoress was proposed by the Lord Chief Justice, and acknowledged on her behalf by Sir Robert Carden. The health of the Lord Mayor having been duly honoured, and the other toasts disposed of, the company separated, about eleven o'clock. The same evening, several important festivals were held. At that of the Royal General Theatrical Fund, held at Freemasons' Tavern, the Duke of Beaufort presided, and subscriptions were announced to the amount of nearly £800. At the dinner in aid of the Funds of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, Bro. J. D. Allcroft presided, and over £700 were subscribed. The Earl of Dunmore took the Chair at the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, at Willis's Rooms. In the course of the evening the Secretary announced subscriptions and legacies to close on £11,000. At the Albion, Mr. Baron Pollock presided at the Solicitors' Benevolent Association Festival. Subscriptions to between £500 and £600 were announced.

The political excitement in France, especially in Paris, has not yet cooled down. On the contrary, the greatest bitterness prevails. Whatever else they may manage better in France than in other countries, it is manifest they do not get on so well in matters political as we or the Germans do. However, though the present crisis there would, in ordinary times, be the talk of everybody, it is the war which attracts the chief attention of the political world. Thus far the operations on the Danube have been confined

to occasional bombardments, now of Widdin, now of Kalafat, and other places. Hitherto, of course, the weather has been the chief obstacle to greater activity on the part of the Russians, having rendered the rapid movement of troops impossible. However, we hear now, that the Danube, which had risen amazingly by reason of the rains, is now falling to its usual summer level, and no doubt when the Czar has arrived on the scene of action, an attempt to cross the river will be made in several places at once. Such at least appears to be the general belief. There are also rumours that Servia is again about to mix herself up in the war, as though the beating she received from the Turks last autumn were not enough for so small and insignificant a principality. As for Roumania, she must be in a sorry plight. Whether Turkey or Russia wins, there is little doubt it will take years before Roumania recovers from the present disturbance of peace. As for Montenegro, we hear, at length, that these hardy but cruel mountaineers have been seriously defeated by the Turks, and if the latter can succeed in capturing Celtigne, it will be possible for them to despatch a portion of their forces to do battle, either on the Danube, or in the neighbourhood of the Balkans. The tenor of the news from Asia is generally unfavourable to the Turks. They have not only not recaptured Ardahan, but they are said to have been obliged to retire their force, before the superior armies of Russia. There is a rumour that Kars is invested, and that it is only a question of days when Erzeroum will fall. Batoum, however, still holds out, in spite of the efforts of the Russians, and it is said that the insurrection in Caucasus is extending. No doubt, as the summer advances, we shall hear of infinitely more momentous events than any that have as yet occurred.

Bro. Charles Bennett, official shorthand writer to Grand Lodge, desires to inform the Craft that he is not the Charles Bennett, shorthand writer, whose name is now so frequently before the Courts of the country in certain legal proceedings.

The *Keystone* anticipates that the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, which is to be held in August, at Cleveland, Ohio, will prove as magnificent a gathering as that of the same Grand Body held in 1871 at Baltimore, or at New Orleans in 1874. We learn from the same source that at the annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, on the 9th ult., the following were elected Grand Officers for the year—namely, Sir Knights Hugh McCurdy G. Comm., H. F. Knapp D.G. Comm., F. Henderson G. Genlmo., W. B. Wilson G.C. Genl., G. W. Wilson G. Prelate, R. G. Chandler G.S.W., J. B. Newton G.J.W., M. S. Smith G. Treasurer, W. P. Innis G. Reg., and W. V. Griffiths Grand Sent. The day previous, the Grand Chapter of Connecticut elected Comps. H. W. Coye Grand High Priest, Joseph K. Wheeler Grand Secretary, and other Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

The *Masonic Jewel* contains a long account of Bro. S. Patton, Past Grand Master of Mississippi. Bro. Patton was born in the year 1813, and was initiated in 1842, in Livingston Lodge, Alabama. In the same year he received all the Chapter degrees. In 1843, he took the Council degrees in Tuscaloosa Council, No. 4, and the same year became S.W. of his Mother Lodge, being advanced to the position of W.M. the following year. In 1850, having removed into Mississippi, which was his native State, he obtained a dispensation for Patton Lodge, No. 129, and became its first W.M. In 1853, he obtained a dispensation for the Patton Chapter, No. 152, Lauderdale Springs, and was chosen its first High Priest. In 1854, he was elected G.H. Priest of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi. The same year he took part in the organisation of the Grand Council of Mississippi, and was appointed its first "T. Ill. Grand Master." He received the order of Knighthood the year following, in Mississippi Commandery, No. 1, Jackson, and became Grand Captain General in the Grand Commandery in 1858, and Grand Commander in 1872. He was elected Grand Master of Mississippi in 1864, and re-elected the following year. Bro. Patton played a not unimportant part in the Civil War, holding high rank in the Confederate army. He was the means of rendering service to two Federal

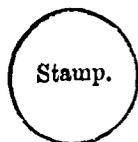
prisoners confined at Meridian, who proved to be brother Masons. He was also indebted for the preservation of what little property remained to him, when Sherman captured the place we have just named, to the fact of some Masonic jewels, which he had made for an army Lodge, being found in his house; the Federal Captain, who meant capturing all, being himself a Mason. We have seldom read a more interesting career, whether private or Masonic, than that of Bro. Patton.

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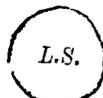
We, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry, Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample Form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful The Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis of Tullibardine, Earl No. 193 of Strathray and Strathardle, Viscount of Ballquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heretable Captain and Constable of the Castle of Kinleaven, Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Falkland, and in that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Laurence Dermott, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful William Tindall, Esquire, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Thomas Carter, Esquire, Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and empower our trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful George Ganfield one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Alexander Eason his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Sam^l. Apletree his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Angel and Crown, Maiden Lane, Wood Street, or elsewhere in London, upon the Second and Fourth Thursday of each Kalendar Month, and on all reasonable Times and lawful Occasions: And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And we do farther authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, George Ganfield, Alex. Eason, and Sam^l. Apletree (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Freemasons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of Grand Lodge in London, this eleventh day of May, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five, and in the year of Masoury Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five.

WM. DICKEY,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered }
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The present title, No., &c. are, The St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 142, City Terminus Hotel, London.

No. 70.

No. 258, "Ancients;" No. 325 at the Union of A.D. 1813, No. 227 A.D. 1832, and No. 192 from A.D. 1863 to the present time.

ANTRIM, GRAND MASTER.

JAS. PERRY, D.G.M.

THOS. HARPER, S.G.W.

JAS. AGAR, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

We, the Grand Lodge of the most ANCIENT and HONOURABLE Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness PRINCE EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Nine hundred twenty and six) in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and Puissant Prince Randal William McDonnell, Marquis, Earl and Baron of Antrim, Lord Viscount Dnluce, Lieutenant of the County of Antrim, in the Province of Ulster and Kingdom of Ireland, Knight of the most honorable Military Order of the Bath, one of His Majesty's most Honorable Privy Council, and in that part of Great Britain called England, and Masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging, No. 258 GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful James Perry, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful James Agar, Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Sir Watkin Lewis one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Edward Cook his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Thomas Abbott his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the sign of the Sun, in Gate Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, in the Parish of St. Giles in the Fields, or elsewhere in London, and to meet the second Thursday in each Kalendar Month, on all seasonable and lawful occasions: and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Freemasons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And we do hereby farther authorise and empower our trusty and well-beloved brethren, Sir Watkin Lewis Kt., Edward Cook and Thomas Abbott (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Provided the above named brethren, and all their successors, always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our hands and the seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this twenty-fourth day of December, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and Nine, and in the year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and Nine.

JOHN McCORMICK,

Grand Secretary.

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THE MACE FUND.

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

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Bro. R. Joynes Emmerson, 18°	1	1	0
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Further donations are asked to enable him to complete his University course, and will be thankfully received by the Treasurer, Captain P. Dadson, 33 Golden-square, W., or Bro. F. Binckes, Freemasons' Hall. The Trustees of the Fund are Bros. W. Paas and B. Head.

SYMBOLISM.

FROM THE "HEBREW LEADER."

TRUTH does not end with the fact alone that symbols were the first language of mankind. That kind of communication appears to have been a favourite one with all men and in all ages. They have been the preferred expletives of all the religions of the earth. They stand out on the temple of Salsette, the cave of Elephanta, and the palaces of Delhi. Egypt reveals them from her monuments and her tombs; Scandinavia, Yucatan, Mexico, but repeat the story; Greece and Rome only reiterate it when it had become old; and if all Europe and America are not now repeating it, it is simply because a purer feeling and a higher and holier morality have descended to them from the "still small voice" once breathed upon the mountains of Judah and perfected in the teachings of that pure Being, who upon the fields and mountains, and lakes, and seas of Palestine, brought "life and immortality to light."

The love of symbols among mankind, anciently used as a language, and afterwards as the expletives of religion, has, in all ages, preserved the favourable opinion of the world and has come down to us, even politically, with a force scarcely, perhaps not at all, lessened in its power, by the intelligence of this enlightened age. We need not go far for examples. The two-headed eagle of Russia, the lilies and the tricolour of France, the red cross of St. George, our own ever glorious stars and stripes—what are they all but symbols of nationality, and to what purpose is their symbolic character, but for distinction, national honour, national pride, or national glory? The "eagles of victory" and of triumph have furnished the common metaphor of numerous centuries, the national banner is as ever sacred to the humblest citizen as to the highest statesman; its protection from stain constitutes the highest pride of the soldier and the sailor, and he proudly walks to carnage or to death, while the symbol of his country's honour spreads its folds to the breeze. The slightest contempt for it will electrify a nation. When a celebrated English statesman once ventured to speak contemptuously of the American Navy, as "a half dozen fir frigates, with pieces of striped bunting at their mast heads," he little imagined that the lightning spark thus thrown forth would expire not until that piece of "striped bunting" should mark its triumph upon every sea and proudly float above the red cross of his own powerful country; and that the unreflecting remark would burst forth from thousands of bosoms in retort, whenever and wherever the defenders of that piece of "striped bunting" saw it borne aloft as the representatives of victory. We allude to this instance in illustration of the subject only, and not with any invidious feeling.

Symbols, then, have not passed out of use, even in this matter-of-fact age, and if they have always been favourites with the world, and still are so, the Institution of Freemasonry—which has always used them—ought not to be thought unwise, or foolish, or ridiculous, because, agreeably to her original practice, she continues to use them, and applies them to the same purposes for which they were originally designed. When, therefore, we invest the Master with the square, the Wardens with the level and the plumb, the Deacons with the gavel, and the Tyler with the sword—when we give in charge to the Master the holy writings, the square and the compass—and when our brethren appear in aprons—we ask only that common charity which is extended to all other men's modes of thinking and of acting, in this nineteenth century, when we ask others to believe that all this form and show, to us, is but "the exhibition of useful truth." To some men it may perhaps appear useless mummery; to others, the trappings of a useless vanity; to others, even, the garb of a supposed past disgrace. To us, it is our language—the idiom in which we teach. It is more than this—it is an impress of what is taught.

And let it not be forgotten here what Freemasonry, in its present speculative character, is. No one claims that it is now a society of actual architects and Craftsmen, engaged in the actual employment of building and architecture. No Freemason claims, at the present day, that his brotherhood with this Society necessarily makes him a workman in a stone quarry, a hewer of stone and wood and worker in brass and metals; but we do instruct, and we also teach that a brother must be well skilled as Apprentice and Craftsman before he is fitted to be Master. If the college imparts its Greek and its Latin, we also teach our Masters a language which, for all practical purposes, has the advantage of both, in ease and universality—and while the Church is labouring for some one of the ten thousand dogmas of the ten thousand sects, we are quietly teaching at the Masonic altar, the simple theology in which nearly all the world agree, that there is one God and father of all, who is above all, and over all; and that there is no doubt about the duty of offering prayers, and thanksgiving, and adoration to His ever great, glorious and holy name.

Freemasonry may, very properly, as we think, be defined as the teaching of a moral science by a method peculiarly its own. We unite, in our teachings to the initiate, the building of a splendid temple with the practice of morality, friendship and Brotherhood—we connect with the creation of this earthly edifice a system of private recognition, useful to ourselves, of obligation and protection towards those who are dear to us, and of continual remembrance of that "mystic temple," whose

"Altars are the mountains and the ocean—
Earth, sky, stars—all that springs from the great whole
Who has produced and will receive the soul."

We can well anticipate the inquiry which will, very naturally, be made here, by some learned, independent, free-thinking outsider, (as the modern phrase has it). It will be something after this manner:—

Do you think that all Masons look at this subject from the same point of observation—that they view it in the light and shade now exhibited—that they see it as you see it, and apply its teachings as you apply them?

The anticipated inquiry is both natural and fair. It is one that we wish it was in our power, consistently with truth, to answer more favourably and more satisfactorily than we are able to do. We candidly answer:

In ordinary life the difference between industrious and lazy men—between the bee or the ant, and the glutton, are fully recognised. There is no difficulty in approaching it. Results are written upon its face, in characters of "living light." Is it strange, then, that the same results should be seen among a class of men professing the same belief, some of whom have laboured with the industry of the ant, while others have rolled themselves up in the inaction of the sloth. There is, between studious Masons and their slothful, uninquiring brethren, the same difference in the views they take of Masonry as their is between an artist and a peasant in their respective estimations of an old painting—it may be a Raphael or a Rubens. The peasant gazes, with stupid wonder, or with cold indifference, on the canvass redolent with life, without the excitation of a single emotion in his barren soul. Its colours, mellowed to a rich softness by the hand of time are to him less pleasing than the gaudy tints which glare upon the sign of the village inn; and its subjects, borrowed from the deep lore of history, or the bold imaginings of posey, are less interesting to him than the daubed paint which hangs conspicuously at his cottage fireside. But to the eye of the artist how different is the impression conveyed? To him everything beams with light and beauty. To him it is the voice of nature speaking in the language of art. Prometheus-like, he sees the warm blood rushing through the blue veins, and the eye beaming with a fancied animation. The correctness of the outlines; the boldness of its fore-shortenings, where the limbs appear to burst from the canvass; the delicacy of its shadows, and the fine arrangement of its lights, are all before him, subjects of admiration on which he could ever gaze, and examples of instruction which he would fain imitate.

And whence arises this difference of impression produced by the same object on two different individuals? It is not from genius alone—for that, unaided, brings no light to the mind, though it prepares it for his reception. It is cultivation which enlarges the intellect and fits it for its reception, and this cultivation we arrive at as Masons, through instruction by symbols and legends—by that through which we work closer into the hearts of our fellow-men than by mere words.

We are informed there will be a very startling innovation introduced in connection with the Stewards' Badges at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. We have reason to believe the new feature will give the greatest satisfaction.

The new Lodge, No. 1677, bearing the style and title of the Crusaders' Lodge, will be consecrated on Wednesday, the 13th instant, at St. John's Gate Tavern, Clerkenwell. Bro. James Terry, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will officiate on the occasion.

Mark Masonry will hold high festival in Hull on the 12th instant.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL.—Canterbury Cathedral cannot thoroughly be appreciated unless it be studied from a considerable distance; for its great size and unusually intricate plan make the task of apprehending it a difficult one from any near point of view, so that we unconsciously compare only some part, not the whole, with surrounding objects. But when the building is seen in all its grandeur, rising far above the trees and houses of the town—almost like a mountain of carved stone—dwarfing all surrounding objects, we realise that it is indeed worthy to be a mother church of a great country. The Cathedral is certainly most fortunate in its surroundings. The old grey walls and circular towers, which still enclose part of the town, the narrow streets with their picturesque houses and occasional fragments of ancient buildings, chief among which is the gateway of St. Augustine's Abbey, tell of a peaceful present and an unbroken continuity with the past, and fitly introduce us to the Precinct or Christ Church Gate, an extremely rich and beautiful work of the early part of the sixteenth century. We pass through this into the Close, and at once obtain one of the most striking general views of the Cathedral. A grassy lawn, bordered with trees, runs all along the southern side, allowing of a much more uninterrupted view than is possible from any other quarter. The central tower rises grandly above the nave, its firm, simple, yet graceful lines, contrasting well with the more florid and less satisfactory outlines of those at the western end, the northern of which is quite a modern work replacing an old Norman tower pulled down some forty years since. Immediately in front of us is the fine southern porch, from the earliest times the principal entrance to the Cathedral.—From Picturesque Europe for June.

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, 9th JUNE.

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

MONDAY, 11th 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.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. at 6 o'clock.

75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
589—Druid's Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1449—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury.
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Micklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

TUESDAY, 12th JUNE.

55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
177—Domestic, 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.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1638—St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-street, E.C.
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
184—United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (Instruction.)
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
R. A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.

WEDNESDAY, 13th JUNE.

Prov. Grand Lodge of Worcester, Corn Exchange, Tenbury.
Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

109—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
281—Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1342—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1593—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
1592—Llanidloes, Trewythion Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.
1643—Perseverance, Station Hotel, Hebburn.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 14th JUNE.

Prov. Grand Lodge of Essex, Corn Exchange, Romford.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
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.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1093—St. George's, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1204—Royd's Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.

FRIDAY, 15th 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 Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne Road, North Kensington, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.
516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.

SATURDAY, 16th JUNE.

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

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

TUESDAY.

495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

FRIDAY.

1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.
TUESDAY—1—Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.
WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate, Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.
" R. A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.
THURSDAY—8—Journymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.
FRIDAY—R. A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

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

MONDAY—102—St. Mark's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
TUESDAY—413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.
" 441—Glasgow, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" R. A. 69—St. Andrew's, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
WEDNESDAY—178—Scotia, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 333—St. George, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 510—Maryhill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill.
" R. A. 113—Partick, School-room, Douglas-street, Partick.
THURSDAY—R. A. 50—Glasgow, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 570—Kennair, Freemasons' Hall, Springburn, Glasgow.
FRIDAY—275—Shamrock and Thistle, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" 553—St. Vincent, Freemasons' Hall, Dumbarton-road.
SATURDAY—512—Thorn-tree, School Room, Thornliebank, at 6.30.
" 571—Dramatic, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, at 3 p.m.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 7th of June, at Bro. Hallows, The Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Franklin W.M., F. Hallows S.W., Upward J.W., W. T. Christian Acting Secretary, Pinder P.M. Treasurer, Carter S.D., Groome J.D., Claridge I.G.; also Bros. W. G. Hallows, Varley, Delvalli, Brown, Shepherd, Hunt. The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting confirmed. Ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Varley acting as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Delvalli acting as candidate. Bro. Pinder worked the 1st section of the lecture. Lodge resumed to the 1st degree. Bro. Pinder worked the 1st section of that lecture. Lodge resumed to the 1st degree, and Bro. Pinder worked the 1st section of that lecture also. Bro. Shepherd, of Ley Spring Lodge, No. 1593 was elected a member of this Lodge. Bro. F. Hallows was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form.

St. John's Lodge, No. 28, Kirkintilloch.—This old Lodge held its regular fortnightly meeting on Saturday, 26th May, at 6 p.m. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. S. Allen R.W.M., J. Cameron I.P.M., with A. Kirkwood S.W., Thos. Miller as J.W., J. S. Phillips acting Sec., B. Hysley I.G., J. Franklebury Tyler. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, amongst whom we noticed Bros. J. Dick, A. Leslie and J. S. Phillip 3 bis, G. W. Wheeler 73, A. Garsia 171, Doune, A. Miller 400, J. Martin, and

others from 195, Campsie. A deputation was appointed to seek for a new hall, or for the ground on which to build one for themselves, as the Lodge is in possession of considerable funds. At the request of the R.W.M., Bro. G. W. Wheeler of 73 passed Bro. R. Cowrie to the F.C. degree, for which he received the thanks of the Lodge. The R.W.M. was about to raise a brother to the 3rd degree, but owing to the time spent on the Hall business and a protest of Bro. Turnbull, train time had nearly arrived, and it was resolved to hold an emergency meeting, on Tuesday, to raise him.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, 4th inst. Present—Bros. Bissett W.M., R. Pearoy S.W., Trewinnard J.W., Ross S.D., Tolmie acting Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Harvey J.D., Gibbs I.G., Christopher Tyler, Hunter, Morgan jun., &c. Lodge opened in the 1st degree, minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Millward acting as candidate. Bro. Harvey worked the 4th, Bro. Tolmie the 5th section, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Tolmie worked the 6th section, assisted by Bro. Harvey. Bro. Tolmie worked the 7th section, assisted by the brethren. A sum of £1 was voted from the Lodge funds to a distressed brother Mason. A vote of thanks was cordially passed to the W.M. for his conduct in the chair. Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 5th June. Present—Bros. Posener W.M., Daniel S.W., Sayer J.W., Walker S.D., Gieberman J.D., West I.G., Hollands, Harris, Maidwell, J. Posener, &c. Bro. Posener worked the three ceremonies in a very able manner, thereby rendering instruction to all present. Brethren wishing to perfect themselves in the ceremonies are given every opportunity of holding office at this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Daniel was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday.

Doric Lodge, No. 81.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 6th of June, at Private Lodge Rooms, Doric-place, Woodbridge, Suffolk. Present—Bros. Benjamin Gall I.P.M. W.M. *pro tem*, Benjamin David Gall Treas. S.W. *pro tem*, C. F. Browne J.W., W. Wilmshurst Secretary, F. Bradbrook S.D., E. Fitzgerald D. of C., Richard Allen I.G., G. Hall Tyler. Past Masters Bros. B. Dove, W. P. T. Phillips and J. Cullingford. Visitor—Bro. H. E. Roe 555. Business—The minutes of the previous Lodge were read and affirmed. An application from a distressed brother, a member of this Lodge, for relief from the Provincial Lodge, was recommended; also an application signed for a candidate for the Boys' School. Fellow Craft J. Roe having been questioned and entrusted, retired, and, on re-admission, was duly raised to the third degree. The Lodge was adjourned to the first Wednesday in September next. The brethren retired to their banqueting room (adjoining the Lodge), to refreshment, and spent a few hours agreeably, in the usual Masonic style.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—This Lodge met on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Bros. L. Lazarus W.M., Miller S.W., M. Spiegel J.W., L. M. Auerhaan Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., H. Hymans S.D., A. J. Campion J.D., R. Baker I.G., H. P. Isaac D.C., P. E. Van Noorden Org., P.M.'s Bros. Israel Abrahams, L. Alexander, M. Alexander, H. Berkowitz, H. M. Levy, S. Hickman, A. Dodson I.P.M. After the formal opening of the Lodge, and the preliminary business had been disposed of, a letter was read from the W.M. of the Lodge of Israel, requesting that Bro. De Silva, who had been passed to the 2nd degree in that Lodge, be raised to the 3rd degree. This request was readily complied with. After which Bro. Cogwill was passed to the 2nd degree. The Lodge was then closed until October, and the brethren, 108 in number, sat down to a very sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Bro. M. Silver. Grace having been said by the Rev. Bro. H. Berkowitz P.M. and Chaplain, the W.M. proposed the toast of Her Majesty the Queen, and the Craft. The National Anthem was then sung. Miss Pattie Laverne and Miss Florence Levander singing the solo parts. The toasts of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers successively followed, and with the latter was coupled the name of Bro. E. P. Albert, who in a very appropriate speech returned thanks. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Benevolent Fund, and coupled with it the name of Bro. L. Alexander P.M., President, who said the fund was instituted in 1849, by Bro. N. Canstatt P.M. Since then there had been given to brethren eligible to receive it various sums, even up to £100. With pride we can say we yet have £1300 in hand, and in the course of the next eight months we shall have £100 more. (Cheers.) Bro. Campin gave 21s, and Miss May F. Auerhaan (a granddaughter of the Treasurer) also gave 21s to the Fund. Bro. A. Dodson I.P.M. then proposed the toast of the W.M., which was received with loud cheers. When silence had been restored, Bro. Dodson said he could scarcely find words sufficiently eulogistic of his working, which was perfect, and was fully appreciated by every Bro. and Visitor. Of his capability in presiding they had a specimen, and he was sure they would give the toast the hearty welcome it deserved. The W.M. said the words uttered by Bro. Dodson, and the hearty response the brethren had given, would never be effaced from his memory. He was pleased his efforts had been successful. Whatever he had done, or would do in Freemasonry, would be for the good of the Craft in general, and this Lodge in particular. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Visitors, said they were honoured by the presence of several distinguished in the Order.

The Lodge was always pleased to see them, and he hoped the brethren would drink the toast as it merited. Bro. Major Shadwell Clerke P.P.G.S.W. Devon; P.M. 1383, returned thanks; in the course of his remarks he said it was a great amount of pleasure to him to be present. He had been a Past Master for twenty years, and had never heard better working, not only from the W.M., but from the several officers; the brethren may congratulate themselves on their selection. Another great and noble attribute you possess; your Benevolent Fund, which would be a credit to any Lodge, and is worthy of imitation throughout the Craft. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters, and mentioned their names seriatim. He spoke of their Masonic qualifications, and the services they had rendered to the Lodge. The toast having been responded to by Bro. Alexander, the W.M. proposed the health of the Wardens. He was sure no better selection could have been made; those who had witnessed their working would agree with him that, in the ordinary course, they would be selected to occupy the chair. Bros. Miller and Speigel severally returned thanks. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. Those brethren are a host in themselves; it is to them that the success of the Lodge is to be attributed. This having been responded to, the Tyler's toast was given. The W.M. provided a very excellent concert, under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden, the Organist of the Lodge, who accompanied the following talented artistes—Miss Pattie Laverne, Miss Florence Levander, Miss Kate Vere, and Messrs. Prenton and White, who were deservedly applauded and encored. The visitors were Bros. Major Shadwell Clerke P.P.G.S.W. Devon, P.M. 1383, G. S. States P.G.S. P.M. 145, H. Leah J.W. 193, Austin P.M. Doric, E. Williams, E. Behrends, W. Russell, W. R. Phillips 975, I. Botibol 1201, C. Oehse 1668, A. Naas 27, J. H. Cummings W.M. 534, Anshell 1464, N. Moseley 228.

Hayle Chapter, No. 450.—The Annual Meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Hayle, on Tuesday, when the retiring Z., Ex. Comp. John Coombe, ably installed Comp. John P. Smith as Z., F. H. Pool as H., and James Poole as J., after which Comp. Smith appointed as his officers' Comp. Joseph G. Osborn E., Dr. Mudge N., G. H. Eustice P.S., John J. Taylor and G. B. Pearce First and Second Assist. Sojourners, and I. V. Bray Janitor. A capital supper was laid in the banqueting-hall, and a very agreeable evening was spent.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 5th June, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. Hewlett W.M., Barker S.W., Davies J.W., E. T. Worsley Secretary, W. J. Smith S.D., Johnson J.D., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Pullan I.G.; also Bros. Saunders, Haine, Lovelock, Dallas, Dendy, Lorkins, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Saunders acting as candidate. Bro. Hewlett worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Barker was unanimously elected W.M. for next Tuesday, and appointed his officers in rotation. The proceedings will commence punctually at 7.30. Bros. Lorkins, of 1524, and Dendy, of 1662, were unanimously elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. We should like to see a good muster next Tuesday, to support Bro. Barker, as it will be the first time of his working the 2nd degree.

Asaph Lodge, No. 1319.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Monday, 4th June, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Present—Bros. W. Tinney W.M., G. McLow, St. Dunstan 1589 S.W., G. Buckland J.W., Stanton Jones Sec., E. Swanborough S.D., J. Wellard J.D., Harry Cox I.G., J. Gilbert Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Chamberlain, C. Coote sen., and Jekyll. Visitors—Bros. H. Hall 541, T. Webb 392, Cutler, Andrews J.W. 231, Chearn 145. Bros. Soutar, MacLean, Barnett, Delevante, Saunders, Pearson, Poulter, Calcott, Fogarty, W. Smith, Carter, Henson, Rogers, Egerton, Ball, and Gittons. The minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. H. J. Calcott was elected a joining member. Bros. W. B. Fair, P. le C. Castell, C. B. Powell, and C. F. Tinney were raised to the sublime degree. Bros. Bell, Hatcher, Kent and Beveridge were passed to the second degree; the working being perfectly rendered. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated.

Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656, Hampton Wick.—Although comparatively of recent formation, the province of Middlesex has, under the genial sway of its esteemed Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel Burdett, made rapid strides. Lodge after Lodge has been added to the roll call, which now numbers, we believe, twenty-four, but any mere accession of numerical strength is by no means a criterion of Masonic success. The Middlesex brethren are however fully alive to their responsibilities. Amongst them may be found those who rank second to none throughout the Craft in the effective rendering of the Ritual, while, what is of equal importance, they are not unmindful of their duty to the sacred cause of charity, as a reference to any of the Festival lists of our three Metropolitan Institutions in late years will amply verify. The Wolsey Lodge, the last offshoot of the province, although only then consecrated ten weeks, was represented by Bro. Bond, as Steward, at the recent Girls' Festival, the result being most creditable to that worthy brother's efforts, especially when, in the first place, we bear in mind the short time at his disposal to canvass the brethren, and in the second, that most of them, being members of a neighbouring Lodge, were already pledged to fulfil prior promises for the same excellent Institution. When a Lodge is thus mindful of its charitable obligations, it is not likely to be unsuccessful in other matters, and we are pleased to record there is every prospect of future prosperity. The bye-laws limit the number of members to thirty, of these ten are founders, thirteen have enrolled, either as initiates or joining mem-

bers, while on Monday last, the 4th inst., two more were added, of the former class, at an emergency meeting, held at the White Hart Hotel. The Lodge was summoned for 6.30, and after its opening the ballot resulted in the election of Messrs. J. H. Duffell and A. Elphick, who were impressively admitted to Masonic light by the W.M., Bro. Wm. Hammond P.P.G.D. Bros. Masters, Malcolm and Piller were next examined and entrusted, and they retired. On re-admission they were duly passed as F.C.'s. Bros. Taylor, Pinto and Forge were then presented as candidates for the 3rd degree, and having undergone the usual preliminaries, were in due course raised to the sublime degree of M.M. To state that the W.M. performed the entire ceremonial ritual in most effective and impressive manner, is but to repeat a thrice-told tale. Farther business being despatched, the Lodge was closed, at 10 p.m., and the brethren adjourned, not to banquet, but to their respective homes, the W.M. having determined to dispense with refreshments at emergency meetings for the time being; an excellent policy, which the brethren adopt with pleasure, proving that the Wolsleyites are prepared to discharge the labours of the three degrees without the attraction of the fourth. There were present—Bros. W. Hammond P.P.G.D., &c. W.M., J. Hammond P.M. 201 Hon. I.P.M., Bentley P.M. 193 acting S.W., J. Hurst W.M. 1512 acting J.W., F. Honeywell P.M. Org., T. M. Ockenden Secretary, Marvin D.C., Scott W.S.; Bros. Featherstone, Forge, Fitt, Piller, Richer, Andrews, Masters, Malcolm, Pinto, Taylor, and Pickering P.M. 30. We regret to say that Bro. Sharp S.W. was unable to be present, owing to serious indisposition; and business engagements detained Bro. Bond J.W. until a late hour. A letter, regretting inability to attend, was received from Bro. the Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny, Chaplain, who was some distance away in the country.

Samson Lodge, No. 1668.—This new Lodge held its first Emergency Meeting on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. There were present Bro. M. D. Loewenstark W.M., Joseph D. Barnett P.M. S.W., W. H. G. Rudderforth J.W., A. D. Loewenstark I.P.M., Charles Ochse S.D., Baron D. Barnett J.D. and Sec., Charles Lover W.M. 1178 I.G., S. Wasserberg D.C., G. Bilbey Organist, Hyam Aarons, C. Loughton. Visitors—W. H. Lee P.M., J. Lyons, Shamrock and Thistle Lodge, Glasgow, S. Jewell, New Cross Lodge. The Lodge was opened in first degree, and ballots were taken for the following candidates for initiation:—Mr. John Grose Thomas, Mr. Samuel Joseph, Captain Joseph Larke, which were unanimous for their admission; also ballots were taken for the following joining members—Bro. Isaac Quincey, Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178, Bro. Morris Wilson, Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, which also proved unanimous for their admission. Bros. Aarons and Loughton, candidates for passing, having been entrusted, the Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and the W.M. duly passed them. The Lodge was then resumed to the 1st degree, when the following approved candidates were initiated: Messrs. Samuel Joseph, David Jewell, Henry Jewell, John Grose Thomas, and Capt Joseph Larke. The brethren then proceeded to elect their Treasurer and Tyler, which had been omitted at the last meeting. The selection was unanimous in favour of Bro. A. D. Loewenstark I.P.M. (who had been acting as Treasurer since the formation of the Lodge) as Treasurer, and Bro. A. Oberdoeffer as Tyler, both of whom returned thanks in suitable terms. A committee of the officers of the Lodge was then elected, in order to frame the Bye-laws. Several candidates for initiation and joining were then proposed. The W.M. announced his intention to have another emergency meeting the first Tuesday in July, to initiate some of the candidates on the list, there being already eight for initiation. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment to the Holborn Restaurant, where, under the able management of Bro. Hamp, a very nice supper was provided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, interspersed with several songs and solos, by Bros. J. D. Barnett S.W., W. H. G. Rudderforth J.W., and Baron D. Barnett I.G. and Secretary, assisted also by Mrs. Loewenstark (wife of the W.M.), who sang sweetly, and Miss Eugenie Samuel, the latter singing, with great taste, two contralto songs, which were very much appreciated by the brethren. This lady possesses a fine voice, which she exercises with great judgment. Miss Loewenstark also gave a solo on the pianoforte, which was well received.

PERIODICAL LITERATURE,

"MY Guardian," the second of the two serials which have been appearing for some months past in *Cassell's Family Magazine*, is concluded this month. Those of our readers who have followed it closely, as we have done, must agree with us that it is a well-written tale, and well contrived, and that several of the characters are extremely well-drawn. We have not yet reached the term of the career of "Pau' Knox, Pitman." In addition, there are two short stories, one entitled "A Ride for Life," of a very exciting character, as indeed the heading suggests, while the other affords an illustration of the stupifying powers of a certain drug called "Bang." In the way of papers are an admirable one by Professor Andrew Wilson, descriptive of "A Forest of Animals Under the Sea," a most interesting account of "Cornell University, America," and particulars as to "Summer Climates for Invalids," by "A Family Doctor." Mr. Edward Oxenford introduces to us some "Curiosities of Coronations." In the way of domestic matter will be found "The Story of Furniture," the usual "Chit-Chat on Dress," and a most interesting paper on "Other People's Servants," in which the writer shows that, much as we in England complain of the difficulties in finding good servants, others, and especially the Americans and those who dwell in our Australian colonies, are a thousand times worse. There is another excel-

lent paper with the familiar signature—Phillis Prowne—at foot, telling us "How We Managed our Garden Party," and what adds to the merit of this particular code of directions is, that it is very prettily illustrated. Very amusing is the picture of "An Artists' Conversazione," by an Artist, and very pleasant is the story of "Our Summer Holiday in Donegal." Not the least acceptable of the contents is the description of "The Children's Day in the Country." Indeed, there is nothing in the number which we should hesitate about commending to the notice of our readers.

Part 10 of *The Countries of the World* is chiefly occupied with descriptions of different places in the State of California, but Oregon, Alaska, &c., &c., come in for a share of the attention paid to the portion of the United States bordering on the Pacific. The frontispiece is an illustration of "Hydraulic Mining in California." Other full page engravings are, "A View in the Rocky Mountains (Colorado)," "View of Mount Rainier, Washington Territory (from the Nisqually Plains)," "The Capitol Sacramento," and "A Chinese Quarter, San Francisco." Among the smaller illustrations are, "View of Silver City, Nevada," "At Work in the Silver Mines of Nevada," "A Street in San Francisco," and "An Hotel in San Francisco." This last gives an excellent idea of the palatial buildings our American cousins delight to erect for the accommodation of travellers and sojourners. The Capitol at Sacramento, to judge from the engraving, must be a grand pile of building. The letter-press contains a mass of valuable and interesting information.

There is, as usual, a highly attractive programme in *The Leisure Hour*. "A Young Wife's Story," which has been one of the chief items for so many months, is concluded. Miss Isabella L. Bird is still favouring the public with her experiences of "Australia Felix," and her "impressions of Victoria," in the same agreeable manner which has marked all her contributions. There is a fourth paper on the important subject of "New Helps for Hospitals," in which the writer directs attention to "Special Hospitals," such as the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital in Moorfields, the different Orthopædic Hospitals, St. Mark's Hospital for Fistula in the City-road, and the Hospital for Consumption at Brompton. Another article, which deserves to be read carefully, as bearing upon the education of youth, is that on "School Natural History Societies," in which, after pointing out the value of such societies, the writer enumerates sundry which have already been established, either at our public schools or elsewhere. Then we have noted the description of "An Italian Wedding," an excellent paper on "Japanese Music and Musical Instruments," an account of "Three Weeks in Rhineland," a second paper on "The Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts." But, perhaps, the most interesting in the whole series of contributions is a biographical sketch of "Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hall," than whom there do not exist two more diligent workers in the cause of art and literature. Mrs. Hall is well known for the many admirable works she has given to the world from time to time, but none exceed in merit her well known sketches of Irish life and character. Mr. Hall has also attained a high position in the literary world, but he is chiefly known as the editor of that most admirable of all publications connected with art education—we allude to the *Art Journal*, which has maintained the first position in this class of periodical ever since its first appearance in 1839, and which was, indeed, founded by him on his own and sole responsibility. There is an effective frontispiece, representing an "Episode in the Battle of Waterloo."

"Number Twenty-Nine" is the title of a new and promising story in the *Sunday at Home*. Among the other contents must be noticed the second and third of "Welsh Peasant Sketches," No. II. of Miss Alcock's contribution entitled, "Uncrowned: A Page of Jewish History," the sixth of the late Rev. R. Demaus's series of articles on "the English Bible," the story of "A Night on the Yorkshire Wolds," and the "Pictures from Jewish Life," by J. Alexander. There is an illustration of the new "Herbert and Cowper Memorial Window in Westminster Abbey," the place of honour at the commencement of the number being assigned to it.

Messrs. Maskelyne and Cooke at the Egyptian Hall.—The manifestations in the new Séance are far in advance of anything done by so-called Spirit Media, and also superior to anything Mr. Maskelyne has before introduced in this way. Hitherto, ropes have been used, and both Mr. Maskelyne and Mr. Cooke have been secured together in the cabinet, à la Devonport Brothers. In this instance Mr. Cooke alone is secured, and in the following manner:—Seated in a cabinet, his hands are tied with whipcord behind his back, the ends of the cord being passed through holes and tied and sealed on the outside; a net is then passed over both the cabinet and the performer, and enclosed by a simple screen. In the space of a few seconds audible manifestations take place, and hands are seen over the top of the screen, which being immediately thrown open, Mr. Cooke is discovered fastened up in every respect as the Committee had secured him. The back as well as the front of the screen is narrowly watched during the whole time, thus preventing the possibility of any person getting in to produce the effects. The room is placed in darkness for a few moments, and then the stage gas is turned on, and powerful lights are also thrown from the body of the Hall into the screen, and Mr. Cooke is clearly seen floating into the room, taking with him the cabinet. He pursues his aerial flight from the stage to the ceiling in the centre of the room, and then returns with his cumbersome burden to the starting point. One minute of darkness, and the Committee re-examine their work, and are amazed to find that all the fastenings, which had been thought sufficient to render Mr. Cooke helpless, were completely intact. Two minutes are occupied by Mr. Cooke to release himself from the bonds, and untying all the knots. During the floating, the light is not obscure, but very brilliant, thus enabling the audience to see distinctly the features and every part of Mr. Cooke.

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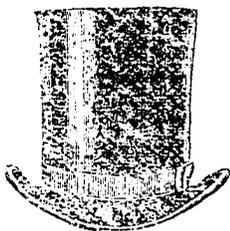
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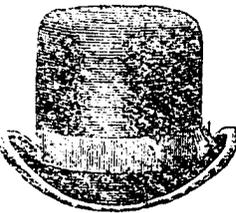
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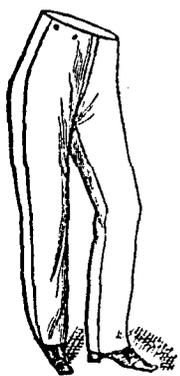
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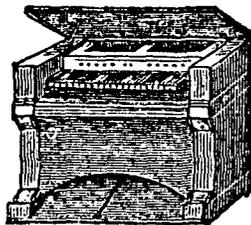
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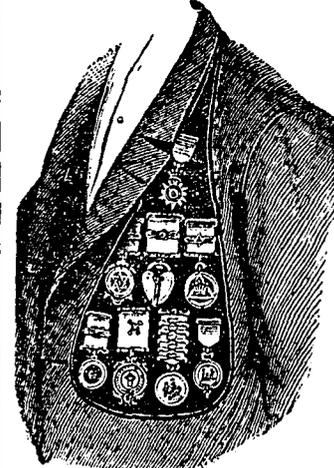


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