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OUR SIXTH VOLUME.

TWICE in the course of the year we feel it our duty to have a short confidential chat with our friends and subscribers, and we need hardly say the fulfilment of this duty is always accompanied with a great deal of pleasure. These occasions happen when, having completed a further volume of the CHRONICLE, we are about entering on a fresh term of labour. It is, of course, inevitable that when thus chatting we must, to a certain extent, be somewhat egotistical—presuming at least that the use of this word is permissible when speaking in the plural, instead of the singular number. But, doubtless, our kind friends will excuse what it is impossible for us to avoid. Two years and a half ago, we launched our frail barque on the stormy waters of journalism, and we have no reason to regret what many must have considered our audacity. If we have not accomplished all we had in contemplation when we started so adventurously, we have at least the satisfaction of knowing that on the whole our voyage has been a prosperous one. We have had favourable winds throughout, and have entered on each fresh stage of the journey with increased hope of a long continuance of prosperity, on the one hand, and, on the other, with an ever-deepening sense of thankfulness to those who have supported us. We are conscious of many shortcomings, but they have been generally overlooked, because, we presume, our anxiety to please has been too manifest to admit of the slightest question. We have striven by every means in our power to gain the respect of our clients, and we have our reward in the steadily-increasing amount of support extended to us. It is occasionally our misfortune to lose an old subscriber, but, as a rule, our earliest are still among the most enthusiastic of our friends, and, in time, we shall begin to think the old saying about "once a Captain, always a Captain," is equally true of our supporters.

As to the work we have done, we have conscientiously endeavoured to promote, as far as in us lay, the welfare of Freemasonry, and especially of those magnificent Institutions which are connected with it—our two Schools and the Benevolent Institution for aged brethren and widows. We have never missed an opportunity of pleading their cause. We have criticised their management, but in no unfriendly spirit. We firmly believe that, all things considered, they are as well conducted as any other Institutions of a similar character in this or, indeed, in any country in the world. Every year they obtain a wider and more generous support among Craftsmen, and the hope that we may have contributed, be it in never so slight degree, to bring about this happy consummation, is itself a sufficient reward for our labours. We have also done our best to make our readers better acquainted with the leading features of the Craft in other countries, and especially in the United States. We have done this in the belief that what happens in Masonic circles abroad cannot be devoid of interest to English Freemasons. We claim for this country that it is the original home of, at all events, Speculative Freemasonry, and that, in the majority of cases, the Masonic bodies now existing in other countries trace their origin to the Grand Lodge of England. The progress of these offshoots of our own body must interest us. We have further done our utmost to promote the knowledge of Masonic history, as based on documentary evidence, and to this end we are still continuing the publication of the Warrants of our "ancient" Lodges. In short we have done, as far as the narrow limits of our space have permitted, whatever appeared to us to be promotive of Masonic interests and Masonic knowledge, and the critics are kind enough to say from time to time that our efforts have not been entirely unsuccessful.

As regards the future, we look forward to it with hope. We believe we shall have meted out to us the same measure of kindness we have received heretofore, so long as we exhibit the same anxiety to do our duty, and we need hardly say that to do our duty to the best of our humble ability is the main purpose we have in view. We shall continue in the path we have chosen, and, till reasonable cause is shown, we shall not depart from it. We thank our friends for what they have done in our behalf. With all the advantages we have received from their assistance, ours has been a very up-hill battle to fight. Yet we have pressed on victoriously thus far, and shall go on pressing forward till the position we have won is unassailable. With these few prefatory remarks we have the honour to present to our readers the first number of our SIXTH VOLUME.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1876.

THE Report of the House Committee on the receipts and expenditure of the Boys' School for the past year is now printed, and will be scanned with immense satisfaction by all who take an interest in the success of this Institution. In no previous instance have there been such excellent grounds for this satisfaction. The year opened with the very substantial balance of £1631 0s 6d. In the way of donations and subscriptions we find the magnificent total of £13,220 15s 6d; £714 were received as the purchase money for admissions, and £1050 was bestowed by the Province of Cheshire, in order to entitle it to one perpetual presentation. The grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, two small legacies, dividends on stock, and other items, raised the incomings to £15,359 6s, so that the total receipts for the year, including the opening balance aforesaid, amounted to £16,990 6s 6d. The expenditure was £14,514 8s 8d, of which £6867 1s was special, and £7646 7s 8d ordinary, so that there remained on the 31st December 1876, a balance to the credit of the Institution of £2476 17s 10d. Having regard to the Special or Extraordinary outlay, we note that two principal items together absorb close on six-sevenths of the whole sum. These are the purchase of Kent House, and all its belongings, for use as an Infirmary, which accounts for £2993 19s 6d, and the purchase of £3,000 Consols, for which £2895 were paid. Both these investments are of enduring value, the one increasing the real estate of the Institution, and the other its funded property. The other items under this head of service do not call for any special comment, except, perhaps, that the sum paid in connection with the University Local Examinations figures somewhat prominently, owing to the increased

number of pupils who have submitted themselves for examination, three having been awarded the degree of A.A. at the Oxford Local Examination in June, while at the Cambridge ditto, in December, fourteen took honours, and twelve obtained certificates. The principal items under the head of Ordinary Expenditure are of the usual character. For the general office was spent the sum of £1,175 15s 8d, while for the educational and other staff, including servants' wages, &c., &c., the expenditure amounted to £1,609 16s 10d. Provisions cost £2,282 5s 1d, clothing £1,469 19s 2d, household requisites, £267 10s 2d, various, including coals and coke, water, gas, rates and taxes, school stationery and books, scientific instruments, &c., &c., 840 10s 9d, making the general total under this head of service, as we have already stated, £7,646 7s 8d. The Sustentation Fund shows receipts, including balance from previous account, to the extent of £509 18s 7d. The expenditure for various kinds of repairs amounted to £382 2s 8d, so that there remained at the close of the year a balance to credit of the fund of £127 15s 11d. The Fund for the Advancement of Boys on leaving the Institution was, on the receipt side, £10 8s 9d, with no outlay whatever, while on the Stock Account there is a small balance due to the Secretary of £1 13s 3d, the receipts from Sale of Stock, and including cheque for purchase of cow, being £60 19s, and the expenses, £62 12s 3d. We think the House Committee are to be congratulated on the result of their labours, and the careful supervision they have exercised over the expenditure. We shall not be surprised to hear that some objections are raised to the increased cost per boy as compared with the year 1875. In the latter the average outlay on each pupil amounted to £40 9s 8½d, of which £34 8s 5d was set down to Establishment charges, and £6 1s 3½d to Office charges, while in 1876 the average cost per pupil was, in respect of Establishment charges, £37 3s 8¾d, and in respect of Office ditto, £6 15s 1¼d. The Committee, however, have explained most satisfactorily how this increase of £3 9s 2d has come about. £1 17s 0½d is due to extra clothing under exceptional circumstances, and the remainder to the increase in salaries and wages, rendered necessary by the increased cost of living. We do not see how any reasonable being can object to so modest an increase, for which so lucid an explanation is offered. It will, moreover, be noted that the increase in the average per boy of Office expenditure forms only a small proportion —under fourteen shillings—of the total increase. This fully bears out what has been said in other quarters, as well as in these columns, that, however the Establishment charges may fluctuate, now exceeding, now falling short of the outlay in any particular year, the average Office Charges will never vary seriously in excess, while in the event of any considerable permanent addition being made to the numerical strength of the School, it will go on slowly but regularly diminishing to a very modest limit. Indeed, we do not believe that if the number of pupils were immediately raised to 300, there would be any substantial increase in the Office expenditure, except, perhaps, in respect of the postage and stationery, and what now costs £6 15s 2d per boy, would probably cost only about £4, a little more or a little less.

If we turn from the statement of accounts to note the results of the education provided, we have equal reason to be gratified. Three pupils, as we have said, were awarded the degree of A.A. in June last by the Oxford local examining body. At Christmas twenty-eight presented themselves for examination by the Cambridge examiners, and twenty-six of them passed—one senior and eleven juniors obtaining certificates; while of the remaining fourteen two obtained first class, three second class, and nine third class honours. In addition, several pupils have passed the Science and Art examinations in various branches. We do not need better evidence than this that the educational system pursued at Wood Green works admirably. Of the 102 pupils (49 honours and 53 certificates) who have passed the University examinations in the decennial period ended last Christmas, no less than 29 (17 honours and 12 certificates), or over 25 per cent. of the whole, belong to the year 1876. However, a report appears elsewhere in the *Chronicle* of the distribution of prizes on Monday, so that we need say nothing further on this point. Our principal object was to submit to our readers the leading features in last year's balance-sheet. This we have done most fully, while any further comment on educati nal matters will be found in its proper place, in connection with the proceedings of Monday or Wednesday.

MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 39.)

TIME-HONOURED LANCASTER.

"Not marble, nor the gilded monuments
Of princes, shall outlive this powerful rhyme:
But you shall shine more bright in these contents
Than unswept stone, besmeared with sluttish time.
When wasteful wars shall statues overturn,
And broils root out the work of masonry,
Nor Mars his sword nor war's quick fire shall burn
The living record of your memory.
'Gainst death and all-oblivious enmity
Shall you pace forth; your praise shall still find room,
Even in the eyes of all posterity
That wear this world out to the ending doom."

THERE is no country in the world in which personal worth is more truly appreciated than in Britain. No matter what a man's origin may have been, if he achieve distinction in the calling he has chosen to adopt, he is invariably respected, and people hold him up as an example for others to follow. Hardly a day passes but we hear of some one who, by his own unwearied and unaided efforts, has attained to a position of eminence, receiving at the hands of his fellow-citizens some signal mark of their esteem. It may be he is elected to some position of trust, in which his zeal and ability will be at the service of the community. He may have conferred upon him some honorary distinction, some title over and above that which he already enjoys to the love and respect of society. Or, perchance, the recognition of his merits may take the form of a testimonial, which he can hand down to his sons and his sons' sons, as evidence of the esteem in which he was held. It matters not by whom, or in what form, the appreciation is shown, we are never weary, in this island home of ours, of rendering honour to whom honour is due. In one sense, we rarely allow virtue to be its own reward, at all events, not its only reward. It is, indeed, to this wise recognition of merit among all classes, that we are indebted for the sound and healthy tone which pervades society, and so long as we cultivate this wholesome practice, so long may we hope for a continuance of that prosperity which has been the lot of this country for so many generations.

The brother, whose portrait we are now presenting to our readers, is but slightly indebted to Fortune for the position he now occupies. He has laboured assiduously in the station of life in which he has been placed, and the distinction he has achieved is due to the energy and indomitable pluck he has exhibited at each successive stage of his career. Though descended from one of the oldest and most respected families in his county, he is, in fact, the architect of his own fortune, and we are telling only a plain unvarnished tale when we say that, whether it be in the immediate circle of his own friends, or in that wider and more extended sphere in which he has followed the daily business of life, there are few men who have earned for themselves such universal esteem. The bare mention of his name acts like magic on those who hear it, nor will any one have reason to consider himself a stranger—albeit a stranger, in one sense, to the county in which our brother lives—who enjoys the friendship or acquaintance of him we have designated "time-honoured Lancaster." However, it comes not within our province to dwell, at length, on the private acts of any Craftsman. It is enough for us to say, as indeed we have said already, that his conduct throughout life has been such as to win for him golden opinions from all classes of men. He has made for himself a host of friends, and it would be difficult in the extreme to find any who are prepared to say the respect in which he is held has not been deservedly won.

But though we feel it is our duty to avoid further reference to his business relations with the world, we do not consider we shall be exceeding the limits of propriety if we describe, at some length, his Masonic attainments, and the efforts he has so persistently made, in order to confirm and extend the interests of our Fraternity. It is almost needless to remind our readers that his career in Masonry has been a long and useful one. A whole generation has passed away since "time-honoured Lancaster" ascended, so to speak, the first rung of the Masonic ladder. He was initiated into our mysteries in the year 1848, in St. John's Lodge, then No. 407 and meeting at Eccles, now No. 325 and having its quarters at Salford. In order to show how highly he was esteemed in this his mother-Lodge, we may state that, after serving the office

of Warden, he was elected to the position of Master no less than three times. Moreover, he discharged the duties of Treasurer for seven years. In 1853, he joined Affability Lodge, then No. 399, now No. 317, of Manchester, and was chosen to be its W.M. in 1859. He was also a joining member of Shakespeare Lodge, No. 1009, of Manchester, and, on referring to former records of Craft doings, we find him present at the consecration of that Lodge in 1864, by the late Bro. Stephen Blair, P.G.M. East Lancashire. The occasion was an important one. The day chosen for the ceremony was the tercentenary of Shakespeare's birth, and there was, moreover, another Lodge, No. 999, named after the late Bro. Robert Burns, consecrated at the same time and place. Later the same year, we read of his taking an active part in the consecration of the Masonic Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. Thrice has he been elected to fill the honorable office of Provincial Grand Treasurer, and we believe he is the oldest Provincial Senior Grand Warden whose name is borne on the list of Grand Officers of his Province. For years he was the personal friend and confidential adviser of the late Bro. Blair, whose name we have just mentioned, and we may be sure that in this twofold capacity he played no unimportant part in the Government of the Province over which that worthy brother presided. So highly, indeed, were his services valued, that it was quite on the cards he might have received the appointment of Deputy P.G. Master; but, with the retiring modesty which invariably accompanies sterling merit, he waived any claim he may have felt he had to such a position in favour of the late highly respected Bro. W. Romaine Callender. He has also held provincial rank in Mark Masonry, having filled the office of Provincial G.M.O., while in Templar Masonry he is a P.E. Commander, and for the long period of sixteen years has been the Treasurer of Jerusalem Conclave. This, however, represents but a very meagre portion of the work he has achieved. He is the Chairman of the Charity Committee of his Province, and for years has been charged on its behalf with the conduct of the elections to our central London Charities. He is, moreover, the founder of the Manchester and Salford Committee for the relief of itinerant brethren, and, by the careful action of this Committee, many cases of imposition have been detected and prevented. As regards our Institutions, we may state that he is a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a Life Governor of the other Charities. He has likewise served the office of Steward at sundry of their Festivals, and has thus been the means of raising funds for them very largely in excess of what he deemed himself justified in contributing out of his own purse. Indeed, the greatest of all his many achievements is associated with the Institution whose anniversary has been held this week, and at which he has once again served the office of Steward. This happened in the year 1839, when a supreme effort was made, and made successfully, to clear off a mortgage of £10,000 on the School property. We are so accustomed to hear now-a-days of our Festivals being productive to the extent of many thousands, that we are apt to forget it is not so very long since the sum of £3000 or £4000 was considered a very handsome amount to realise. In the year we allude to, however, the feats we have come to regard almost as a matter of course in connection with the Boys' School was anticipated. Over £12,000 was raised, and of this sum the Province of East Lancashire contributed £3885. The Provincial Grand Master, the late Bro. Blair, headed the list with the munificent donation of one thousand guineas. The Provincial Grand Lodge presented the sum of five hundred guineas, and two prominent members of the Provincial Grand Lodge gave each one hundred guineas, while from the Craft throughout the Province, as represented by thirty-five Stewards, no less than two thousand guineas were raised. The enthusiasm with which Bro. Blair's contribution in particular, and the conduct of the Province generally, were received, may be more easily imagined than described. Contemporary records relate how, in connection with the former, "the whole assembly rose *en masse*, the more enthusiastic of the members—ladies included—waving their handkerchiefs and demonstrating in every possible way their appreciation of this contribution." As regards the latter, we read further how Bro. Binckes "acknowledged the great and invaluable assistance in every way rendered" by the subject of this notice, who had "aided most largely in bringing about the great result which the Province had achieved." Albeit our "time-honoured Lancaster" is more retiring than most men, we have noted the flush of just pride mantling on his cheek when haply he has been called upon to recount the signal triumph of that memorable year. It falls not to the lot of many a man to be able to boast he took a leading part in so glorious an achievement. However, the assistance he rendered was publicly recognised, and the memory of his deed will never be forgotten.

We feel that we have hardly done justice to the singular merits of our respected brother in the sketch we have drawn of his career. We have touched, as far as consisted with a due sense of propriety, on his extra-Masonic deeds. We have enumerated the various positions of trust and dignity he has filled at different times, with so much credit to himself and with such infinite advantage to the Fraternity. But though we have recorded certain facts, which will always be inseparably connected with his name, it is beyond our power to lay before the reader a perfect "counterfeit presentment," which shall be truly worthy of the man himself. It is easy enough to say that any one is genial and kind, that he has laboured diligently, and that he has enjoyed a full measure of success. But words will not serve to convey an adequate idea of our esteemed and estimable brother's worth. They who are privileged to meet him frequently, whether in society, in business, or in Freemasonry, know well enough how admirable are the qualities, both of heart and mind, by which he is distinguished. By these, indeed, no terms of praise we might employ would be considered too great, for his career has been beyond all praise. But others there are who know him not, or only by reputation, and they might imagine we were inclining towards adulation if we spake of him as he deserves. We deem it best, under these circumstances, to leave the portrait as it is. We have done our utmost to observe as closely as possible the outlines of the original. The main features are accurately delineated, though it is possible, of course, they might have been presented more artistically. Be this as it may, in taking leave of "time-honoured Lancaster," we express a hope that he has many other honours yet in store for him, and that great has have been his services to Freemasonry, he may be enabled to render others, which, though they may not raise him to a higher pinnacle of fame,—for that were well-nigh impossible,—may nevertheless serve to confirm him still more in the affectionate regard of his fellows. It has been said

> "Honours best thrive
> When rather from our acts we them derive
> Than our fore-goers."

We have already shown that our esteemed brother is indebted to his own energy and talents for the respect in which he is held. His honours derived from his own acts have thriven apace. May they continue to thrive henceforth as heretofore! And may he continue to enjoy, henceforth, as we feel confident he has enjoyed heretofore, the happiness which, to quote the words of an early English poets, includes

> "The equal friend, no grudge, no strife;
> No charge of rule, nor governance;
> Without disease, the healthful life;
> The household of continuance."

Mere numerical increase does not necessarily bring with it increased strength, but when we note how splendidly our new Lodges are fulfilling their duties, how they vie with each other which shall best promote the welfare of our Charitable Institutions, we are justified in assuming that, in English Freemasonry, numerical increase does imply an increase of strength. Let us take as an example the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, which was consecrated the 24th June 1876. By the 27th June 1877, it has contributed over £267 to our Charities, namely, £67 2s at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution in February, and £198 19s by Bro. C. J. Benson, Steward, at Wednesday's Festival —since increased, for the sake of even money, to £200— at Wednesday's Festival of the Boys' School. And there is still a considerable sum in hand for future distribution when the proper time arrives. Facts like these speak for themselves. We apologise for the seeming slanginess of the expression; but we cannot refrain from saying, and we say it with our heartiest felicitations on their prosperous career thus far,—Go it, ye Cripples-o'-th'-Gate! *Macti virtute!*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Seventy-ninth Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at the Alexandra Palace, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach M.P., Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight. After dinner, grace was sung, and the chairman proceeded to propose the toasts. In introducing that of the Queen, he said loyalty is a plant of ancient growth, and has attained deep root in the breast of all Englishmen. Under the sway of a Sovereign, we enjoy more freedom than the people under any other government in any part of the world, and Her Majesty has endeared herself to all. The toast having been duly honoured, and the National Anthem sung, there followed the toast of the Prince of Wales, who, the Chairman said, had no light duty to perform. Very many important matters are entrusted to him, and he never fails to support this useful institution. We are specially indebted to him as Master of our Order, and also as President of our Institution. The toast having been enthusiastically received, the Chairman proposed that of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M, the Provincial Grand Masters, and Present and Past Grand Officers. In doing so, he said, he naturally took a great interest in the Masonic career of our Pro G.M., because he had had the pleasure, a good many years since, of initiating him into Freemasonry. He had since amply justified the expectations then entertained of him. In his absence, he could fully rely upon Lord Skelsmersdale, who, although Provincial Grand Master of a very large Province, was ever ready when Freemasonry called upon him. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Raynham Stewart, a brother whom we have known for many a long year, and hope to see among us for many years to come. Bro. Raynham Stewart, in reply, said he had been called upon unexpectedly to acknowledge the honour conferred upon our second chief. He was extremely proud to hear from the Chairman that he was the means of initiating him into our Order. We have many good officers among us, one of the foremost of whom was our Chairman of to-day. We have a worthy and energetic Secretary, who delights in introducing innovations, and one innovation has done good, as it has brought the ladies among us. The Grand Officers were always proud to encourage anything to benefit the Masonic Charities. Bro. Benett Stanford M.P. then rose. Their energetic and indefatigable Secretary had placed in his hands the proposition of the next toast. It was one that gave him as great pleasure to propose as he was sure it would all present to drink, it being the health of the Chairman. He had had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Beach for some years, in more than one position. He had never heard the inauguration ceremony of a Lodge better performed than had been done by their Chairman. He was in every respect the most cordial English gentleman any one could wish to meet. When he saw that Bro. Beach was to preside on the present occasion, he at once made up his mind to be present, and it gave him the greatest pleasure to see such an influential meeting of ladies and gentlemen. He concluded by calling upon them to drink to the health of their worthy Chairman. Bro. Beach offered his sincere thanks for the kind manner in which the toast of his health had been received. It gave him the greatest pleasure to be present, and to see so many to support the Charity. If he might be allowed, he would give them a few words with respect to himself. When he was initiated, the W.M. of his Lodge, the Apollo, inquired, who would serve as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He asked a brother at his side what the Boys' Institution was, and on receiving his answer, sprang to his feet, and said he would serve. He was then convinced that the Boys' School was a noble Institution, and from that time made up his mind to do a little for so good a Charity. From that moment he had never relaxed in his efforts on behalf of our Institutions. He must now ask them to drink a toast which he was sure would go home to their hearts. The Institution, for the benefit of which we meet to-day, was one of considerable antiquity. It had been largely increased by the liberality of the Freemasons, in 1860. There were then 70 boys educated in the Institution, now they accommodated 180. This number entailed no light expense on the funds of the Institution. He was quite aware that there had been complaints as to the cost of the education of the boys, but he would point to one fact in answer to this, viz., that in 1866 the average cost per boy was £47 16s 4d, while in 1876 it was only £43 18s 10½d. During that time there had been a considerable increase in the price of provisions, &c. He was sure there was no undue expenditure incurred by the management. The education given was not of one kind. The boys received a thoroughly sound classical, as well as commercial, education. Throughout the world there were many buildings, magnificent in design and proportion, but none of them were of such intrinsic merit as the one at Wood Green. There were carried out the principles inculcated among us. May the Institution flourish. He regretted that through the ill-health of their Treasurer he was unable to attend, but in Bro. Plucknett's absence he would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Capt. Wordsworth, who briefly replied thereto. The next toast, the Chairman said, was rather a comprehensive one. We are deeply indebted to all who take upon themselves to promote the benefits of the Institution. He had great pleasure in calling upon them to drink the health of the Vice Patrons, Vice Presidents, and others connected with the Institution, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Chancellor, who returned his sincere thanks. He had been connected for many years with the House Committee of this glorious Institution. On behalf of the House Committee, he begged to thank the Chairman most heartily for what he had done, and hoped that in the consideration of all present they had done their duty, as he was sure they would ever continue to do. Bro. Binckes, the Secretary, then announced the subscriptions received, which, he stated, amounted to upwards of £12,856, with 23 lists to come in. We give the various amounts, with corrections to time of going to press, in another column. Bro. Beach then proposed the health of Bro. Binckes, to whose exertions he said was principally due the success of the day. Bro. Binckes assured those present that he felt m re than honoured. He hoped they would all go away satisfied with what had been done. The highest award he could receive was their approval. Bro. Hyde Pullen proposed "the other Masonic Charities," to which Bro. Terry replied, and Bro. Beach prop sed special thanks to the Stewards. This having been acknowledged, the company adjourned to the concert-room, where tea and coffee *was* obtainable. The remaining portion of the songs were here given, most ably, and called forth several encores—in fact, the musical arrangements throughout were all that could be desired.

PRIZE DAY AT THE SCHOOL.

The annual distribution of prizes and visit of Stewards to the Institution took place on Monday last, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore. The popularity of these gatherings is now so well established that nothing is ever wanting but fine weather to make the afternoon a most agreeable one. The programme provided for the amusement of the guests was a lengthy one, comprising several part songs, the farce "To Paris and back for £5," the French play "l'Ours et le Pacha," and the burlesque tragic opera, "Bombastes Furioso." The whole of the performances were carried out in a most creditable manner, the acting of the boys being especially good. Between the intervals the various prizes, presented by the Institution, as also by the House Committee, were handed to the pupils by the chairman, after which the special prizes, presented by private donors, were distributed. The silver medal for good conduct, presented by the Institution, was awarded to Edward Thomas Sage; the Canonbury gold medal, presented by Bro. Edward Cox, Vice-Patron, to Frank Lewis Scurr; and the silver watch and chain for general good conduct, presented by the Supreme Council 33°, to a pupil on leaving the Institution, to Edwin Pawley. The programme being thus brought to a close, the chairman rose. He thought he should only be speaking the thoughts of all present in saying they had spent a most agreeable and very instructive afternoon. The performances they had witnessed had passed off excellently. He had listened to the plays and songs with great pleasure, and was sure, from the applause that had been given, all present had enjoyed them. Judging from the variety of subjects for which prizes were given by the Institution, he felt sure the boys were receiving a good useful education. The general excellence of the scholars, as shown by the returns from the various Examinations, spoke highly for the boys, and also for the care and discrimination of those appointed to instruct them. At the recent Examination at South Kensington, of 44 boys who went up, 39 passed in Mathematics, 10 in Physical Geography, and other subjects were alike satisfactory. To the boys he would say, "work, but do not become bookworms." Boys who enjoy out-door amusement get a zest for work, and vice versâ. To those who had not been successful in obtaining prizes, he would say, do not be disheartened—try again. He made these remarks on the supposition, which he felt was true, that there was not a lazy boy in the School. He concluded by wishing prosperity to the Institution. Refreshment was provided for the visitors, after which the Chairman proposed the health of the Queen, Patroness of the Institution, followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales the President, and with this he coupled the health of the Vice-Presidents, Trustees, &c. of the School, and called upon Bro. Capt. Wordsworth to reply. This he did, and proposed the health of the Chairman, who, in response, again referred to the pleasure he had experienced in visiting the School. The present was the first Masonic meeting he had attended at which ladies were present; he considered it a great improvement. He then proposed the health of the Head M ster, Dr. Morris, who thanked all for the kind way in which the toast had been received. He could only repeat his words of last year, that so long as he was with them, he would do all in his power to keep up the prestige of the School. Bro. Raynham Stewart had great pleasure in proposing the health of their energetic Secretary, Bro. Binckes, who, in acknowledging the toast, said he had always endeavoured to labour for the good of the Institution; no one could be so proud of its position as he was. Their Chairman had referred to the present being the first occasion on which he had been among ladies at a Masonic meeting. If he would visit them at the Alexandra Palace he would witness a much larger gathering, of both brethren and ladies. He had the credit of introducing novelties, and he hoped they would prove to be for the good of the Institution. Some of our more energetic brethren afterwards started some races among the boys, which were well patronised, and after a very pleasant meeting the visitors returned to town.

We append the List of Patrons and Stewards, with the several amounts collected or subscribed. Where no amount is inserted the list had not been received up to the time of our going to press.

	Amount. £	s	d
PRESIDENT.			
R.W. Bro. Right Hon. The Earl of Donoughmore, P.G.W.	42	1	0
HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENT.			
V.W. Bro. Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Reg.- . .	52	10	0
ACTING VICE-PRESIDENT.			
W. Bro. Thomas Meggy, V. Pat. of Institution, P.G. Steward, P.M. No. 21, &c.	42	0	0

Amount.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Vice-Patrons and Vice-Presidents of the Institution; Present and Past Grand Officers; Present and Past Grand Stewards; Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers.

HON. TREASURER.

W. Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, V.P. of Institution, P.M. No. 59. . . . . 144 13 0

HON. SECRETARY.

W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G. Steward., V.P. of Institution (Secretary to the Institution.)

LONDON.

Name of Lodge.	No.	Patron or Steward.	£	s	d
Grand Masters'	1	Fenner, Edward	37	16	0
Antiquity	2	Hope, William, M.D., P.G. Steward, J.W.	37	16	0
St. George and Corner Stone	5	Newton, Frederick, J.W.	53	11	0
Friendship	6	Smith, J. Travers, P.M., P.G. Steward	21	0	0
Royal York of Perseverance	7	Dawson, J. E., S.W., Prov. G.A.Purs., Herts.	48	6	0
British	8	Tisley, Alfred	14	14	0
Albion	9	Chiffereil, F.	32	11	0
Westminster & Keystone	10	Martin, R. Biddulph, P.M.	31	10	0
Enoch	11	Tubby, W. F., W.M.	40	8	6
Fortitude and Old Cumberland	12	Angold, Geo., P.M., V.P.	101	17	0
Tuscan	14	Smith, John Nidd, S.D.	17	17	0
Old Dundee	18	Rawlins, Henry, J.W.	24	3	0
Royal Athelstan	19	Grabham, E. B., P.M., P.G.S.W. Midx., 1474	21	0	0
Emulation	21	Watson, George, S.D.	39	18	0
Neptune	22	Pythian, George, S.W.	49	7	0
Globe	23	Mather, Edmund C., P.M.	26	5	0
Castle of Harmony	26	Buszard, Marston, Q.C., P.M. Tr., P.G. Stwd.	93	9	0
Old King's Arms	28	Bell, Richard E., J.W.	25	4	0
St. Albans	29	Barker, Charles O., S.W.	41	0	0
Britannic	33	Davis, John, W.M.	72	19	6
Old Union	46	Richards, Alfred, P.M. Past G. Steward	48	6	0
Gibon	49	Mercer, John S.	111	6	0
Constitutional	55	Whaley, Thomas	78	15	0
Felicity	58	Reynolds' Thomas	78	15	0
Royal Naval	59	Underhill, W. H., P.M.	10	10	0
Peace and Harmony	60	Wordsworth J., V.P. and Trustee, P.P.G.W. W. York, P.M. 380, G. Steward Chancellor, J. G. V. Pres., P.G. Steward, S.W.	11	11	0
Prosperity	65	Bellerby, John, P.M.	10	10	0
Mount Lebanon	73	Harris, Ed. P.M. and Treas.	111	6	0
Pythagorean	79	Boncey, Richard, P.M., P. Prov. G. Purs.	52	10	0
Regularity	91	Chapman, Henry J.	40	19	0
Temple	101	Taylor, Thomas E., W.M.	48	6	0
London	108	Davidson, James William	18	18	0
St. George	140	Scard, J. C.	27	6	0
Prudent Brethren	145	Moult, William, W.M.			
Phœnix	173	Massey, J. D., P.M.	114	9	0
Sincerity	174	Perceval, C. Jas., V.P. S.D. 1607.	130	4	0
Domatic	177	Willing, James jun., W.M.	27	11	0
Manchester	179	Munro, T. F., P.M.	28	7	0
Universal	181	Leyton, Alfred, P.M., V.P.	40	8	6
Tranquillity	185	Constable, John, P.M., V.P.	1205	3	0
Industry	186	Mann, Wm., P.M., Treas., V.P.	90	6	0
Joppa	188	Abrahams, Israel, P.M.	20	0	0
Lion and Lamb	192	Fellows, J., J.W.	37	10	0
St. Paul	194	Compton, W. Jno., S.D.	68	5	0
Jerusalem	197	Findlay, Geo., J.W.	159	12	0
St. Andrew in the East	222	Adams, R. R. D., W.M.	61	19	0
St. Andrew	231	Curtis, Chas. J., P.M.	58	16	0
Nine Muses	235	Hewett, Edw. Hyde, S.W.	42	0	0
Union	256	Hemery, Joseph, J.W.	36	15	6
Prince of Wales	259	Goldney, Fredk. Hastings, P.M., G.J.W. Wilts.	15	15	0
Salisbury	435	Phillips, W. Chas., P.M.	19	8	6
Zetland	511	Game, William, P.M.	22	1	0
Yarborough	554	Berry, John Jas.	78	15	0
Fitzroy	569	Brighten, W. G., P.M.	31	10	0
Beadon	619	Hume, Andrew W., W.M.	23	12	6
Canonbury	657	Maple, William, P.M.	102	18	0
Crystal Palace	742	Baxter, W. W., P.M.			
Belgrave	749	Hobbs, J. W., W.M.	38	6	6
Merchant Navy	781	Wright, John, P.M., P.G. Purs.	94	10	0
New Concord	813	Cusworth, Thomas James	42	0	0
Victoria Rifles	822	Phillips, Lewis jun.	38	0	0
Finsbury	861	Legg, Elias, W.M.	75	12	0
Hornsey	890	Duttson, W. H.	80	6	6
Temperance in the East	898	Carter, Benj., P.M. and Treas.	52	10	0
Burgoyne	902	Poynter, Samuel, P.M. and Treas.	36	4	6
Royal Albert	907	Dennis, John, P.M.	70	17	6
Rose of Denmark	975	Lee, W. H., P.M.	14	3	6
Excelsior	1155	Wilson, Joseph, W.M.	30	9	0
Perfect Ashlar	1178	Lover, Wm. Thos., W.M.	60	17	6
Eclectic	1201	Barber, W. Henry	105	0	0
Macdonald	1216	Larham, Mark S., W.M.	63	0	0
Upton	1227	Goddard, R. W.			
Grosvenor	1257	Murley, Thos. Wm., J.D.	74	0	0
Hervey	1260	Southwood, John Hy., W.M.	60	10	6
Burdett Coutts	1278	Crutch, W. J., P.M.	48	14	0
Granite	1328	Thomas, J. L., P.M., Prov. G. Sup. of Wks. Midx.	113	8	0
Ebury	1348	Ireton, A. J., S.W.	31	10	0
Friends in Council	1383	Barlow, Major Geo., S.W., P.M. 321. Bake, Samuel G.	106 10	1 10	0 0
Anerley	1397	Cristall, H.	14	14	0
Earl Spencer	1420	Kempster, W. H., P.M.	63	0	0
Hyde Park	1425	Smith, Robert John	73	10	0
The Great City	1426	Seex, John, W.M.	123	18	0
Mount Edgcumbe	1446	Thomas, Alf. Moore, W.M.	63	0	0
Athenæum	1491	Lewis, Angelo J., W.M., P.M. 788, P. Prov. G. J.W. Middlesex	71	17	6
Surrey Masonic Hall	1539	Ramsey, William, W.M.	39	10	0
Upper Norwood	1586	Pringle, John	54	12	0
Skelmersdale	1599	Marston, Wm. Henry S.W.	42	4	0
Ravensbourne	1601	Reed, Nelson, J.W.	21	0	0
Sir Hugh Myddelton	1602	Abrams, Edward	17	17	0
Northern Bar	1610	Littler, R. D. M., Q.C., W.M., P.M. 263	47	5	0
Cripplegate	1613	Benson, Charles Jno., J.W.	200	0	0
Bayard	1615	Burney, Lieut.-Col. Somerville, W.M.	135	9	0
West Smithfield	1623	Johnson, John, J.D.	24	3	0
Royal Kensington	1627	Raymond, W. T., W.M.	3	3	0
Canterbury	1635	Robbins, Rev. John, D.D.	28	7	0
Crichton	1641	Middlemas, Andrew	42	0	0
Samson	1668	Rudderforth, W. H. G. Barnett, J. D., P.M., 185	52 5	10 5	0 0
Langton	1673	Ridley, J.	54	1	6
Orpheus	1706	Murray, J. Joyce.	115	10	0

CHAPTERS.

United Pilgrims	507	Hilton, William	10	10	0
Prince Frederick William	753	Hill, R. T., P.M. 95, 753, P.Z. 180, 733, Z. 753.	41	9	0
Lily of Richmond	820	Myers, Wm. Henry, P.M. 820 and 1415	23	12	6
Stockwell	1339	Spiegel Maurice			

BERKS AND BUCKS.

Etonian	209	Carter, John O., P.M., Prov. G. D. of C.	33	12	0
Union	414	Weightman John, P.M., P. Prov. G.W.	84	0	0
Loyal Berkshire	574	Knight, G. M., S.W.	22	1	0
Windsor Castle	771	Grisbrook, Ewd., P.M. and P. Prov. G.D.	32	5	6
		Pulley, T. J.			

CHESHIRE.

Cestrian	425	Smith, Albert Geo. J.D.	17	13	6
Zetland	537	Milner, Walter, S.W. Marquis, William, I.G.	10	10	0
Combermere	605	Mellor, Richd. C., P. Pro G.D., N. Wales & Salop			
Cope	1357	Simcock, Thomas D., W.M.	31	10	0
Earl of Chester	1565	Simpson, E., P.M., P.G.S.D.	36	15	0
Dee	1576	Chesworth, Thos., W.M.	10	10	0

DERBYSHIRE.

Royal Sussex	353	Diamond, Hugh E., P.M., P.P.G.W. Howe Robert, W.M.	32	11	0
Arboretum	731	Cay, George	11	0	6
Hartington	1085	Pipes, Samuel, P.M., Prov. G.S.D.	34	2	6

DEVON.

Curteis, J. Edward	63	0	0

DORSETSHIRE.

Benett Stanford Vere Fane, M.P., P.M.	80	17	0

DURHAM.

St. John	80	Crookes, Wm. Henry, Prov. G. Sec.	158	11	0

ESSEX.

Angel	51	Pye, Geo. Gard, W.M., P. Prov. G.S. of Wks.	36	8	6
Priory	1000	Lucking, Albert, P.M., Prov. A.G.D. Cers.	40	7	6

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Name of Lodge.	No.	Patron or Steward.	£	s	d
Foundation	82	Basevi, Col. Henry, P.D. Dist.G.M. Punjaub	275	2	0
Zetland	1005	Roberts, F.G., P.M., P.P. G.D.C.	63	0	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

Albany	151	Watts, Rev. E. W., P.M., Prov. G. Ch.	40	0	0
Phœnix	257	Wheeler, Cornelius J., P.M.	31	10	0
Harmony	309	Holbrook, Edwd. Geo., P.M.	52	10	0
New Forest	319	Rawlings, Thomas Joseph Davis, W.M., Prov. G. Sup. Works	21	0	0
Southampton	394	Hickman, Wm., D.Pr.G.M.	300	6	0
Portsmouth	487	Osborne, Robert, J.W., Org. 309, P.Prov.G. Org.	2	2	0
Panmure	723	Sowdon, Walter Pr.G.Reg., P.M., P.P.G.D. / Eve, Richard, P.M., P.P.G. W., V. Pres. of Inst.	121	0	0
Gosport	903	Groves Edwin, P.M., P.Pr. G.A.D.C.	10	10	0
		Lancaster, George F., P.M.	31	10	0
		Pulley, T. J.	13	13	0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

Cecil	449	Shilcock, James, P.M., P. Pro.G.W.	7	7	0
Berkhampstead	504	Lambert, Geo. P.M.	52	10	0
Halsey	1479	Edwards, Isaac Newton			

KENT.

Royal Kent of Antiquity	20	Gamon, William, W.M.	119	14	0
Wellington	784	Goodall, H. S., I.P.M.	70	7	0
Cinque Ports	1206	Emmerson, R. J., P.M., P. Prov.G.W.	10	10	0
Corinthian	1208	Baker, Henry Minton, W.M.	60	18	0
Amherst	1223	Webb, John, J.D.	10	10	0
Erasmus Wilson	1464	Andrews, Chas., P.M., P. Pro.G.Std.	300	0	0

LANCASHIRE—East Division.

Anchor and Hope	37	Newton, James, P.M.	10	10	0
		Brockbank, Geo. P., P.Prov. S.G.D., V.Pres. of Inst.	10	10	0
Fortitude	64	Harrison, W.M., F.S.A., D.L., &c., P.M., Prov. S.G.Warden	10	10	0
Virtue	152	Chorlton, T., P. G. Reg., V. Patron of Inst.	16	16	0
St. John	221	Entwisle, Thomas, P.Prov. G.Sup.Wks.	32	11	0
Harmony	298	Holroyd, J., P.M., V. Pres. of Inst.	10	10	0
Affability	317	Hine, J. L., P.M., P.Pr. G. W., P.Pr.G.Treas.	105	0	0
Royds	816	Taylor, James, W.M.			
Stamford	1045	Watson, James, P.M.	5	15	0

LANCASHIRE—West Division.

Derby	724	Ballard, J. W., P.M.	42	0	0
Architect	1375	Pochin, George Davenport, P.M., Prov.G.Reg.	122	17	0
Prince Leopold	1588	Crompton, Thos. Arth., J.W. / Crosby, H., S.D. / Barber, George	21	0	0
Trafford	1496	Harding, Edw. Banks, P.M., Prov.S.G.D.			

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

John of Gaunt	523	Partridge, Samuel Steads, P.M., Prov.S.G.W.	400	18	6

LINCOLNSHIRE.

Pelham Pillar	792	McSheen, Richard, W.M.	10	10	0
St. Albans	1294	Sutcliffe, John, V. Pat. of Inst., P.Pr. G.W., P.M. 600, 764, 792, 1294	16	16	0
		Coates, Thomas, S.W.	5	5	0
Isle of Axholme	1482	Parkin, Alfred, P.M., P.Pr. G.S. of Wks.	21	0	0

MIDDLESEX.

Royal Union	382	Davis, Chas. J.W., P.M.	87	3	0
Bard of Avon	778	Harding, Major Chas., P.M. 231, F.R.G.S.	22	1	0
Enfield	1237	Brown, Chas. Saml., W.M.	31	10	0
Gooch	1238	Weeks, Alfred G., W.M.	59	6	0
Acacia	1309	Rushworth, C. G., W.M.	21	0	0
Lebanon	1326	Gilbert, Edwin, W.M.	10	10	0
Thames Valley	1460	Brette, Rev. Dr. Ernest, P.M., P.Prov.G.Chap.	17	17	0
Elliot	1567	Mason, John, P.M.			
Unity	1637	Woodward, E. C., W.M., P.M. 382.	23	2	0
		Rosenthal, S., P.Pr.G.W., V. Patron of Inst.			
		Kenning, George, P.G.D., V. Pres. of Inst.	10	10	0
Burdett Chapter	1293	Pearse, David W., S.N., Prov.G. Reg.	32	11	0

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Name of Lodge.	No.	Patron or Steward.	£	s	d
		The Province	304	15	0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

Annesley	1435	Jacoby, Chas. Theod., I.G.	64	1	0

OXFORDSHIRE.

Alfred	340	Hughes, James J., I.G.	19	7	6
Churchill	478	Wakeman, H. Offly, W.M. P.J.G.W.	21	0	0

SOMERSETSHIRE.

Benevolent	446	Perkins, Capt. A. Thrale, I.P.M., P.Prov.G.W.	21	0	0
Agriculture	1199	Edwards, Ch. L. Fry, P.M., Prov.G.D. and P.Prov. G.S.W. Oxon.	37	16	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

St. Martins	98	Thomas, J. W., P.M. 637	17	17	0
Sutherland	451	Parker, Henry, P.M., P. Prov. J.G.W.	131	5	0

SUFFOLK.

Doric	81	Phillips, Wm. Page T., P.M.	115	10	0

SURREY.

Grove	410	March, Edwin, P.M.	63	0	0
St. Andrews	1046	Goddard, D., I.P.M.	27	6	0

SUSSEX.

Royal Clarence	271	Scott, John H., Dep. Prov. G.M.	270	18	0

WARWICKSHIRE.

Charity	1551	Hands, Thomas, W.M., P.M. 1016	35	14	0
Faithful	473	Short, Walter	42	0	0

WILTSHIRE.

Concord	632	Gauntlett, S., P.M., P.Prov. G.S.B.	142	16	0

YORKSHIRE—North and East.

Minerva	250	Thompson, John, P.M., P. Prov.G.S.B.	46	4	0
Denison	1245	Armitage, S. H., M.D., P. Prov. G.W.			
Eboracum	1611	Cumberland, J. S., J.W.	26	5	0

YORKSHIRE—West.

Unanimity	154	Tomlinson, W. H. B., P.Prov. G.Regist.			
Harmony	275	Tomlinson, W. H.			
Royal Brunswick	296	Ridal, John, W.M.			
Hope	302	Gott, Charles, W.M. / Hill, T., P.M., P.Prov.G.W., V. Pres. of Inst. / Pickles, John, J.W.			
Candour	337	Hirst, John jun., P.M.			
Sincerity	1019	Newton, Geo., W.M., Vice-Patron of Inst. / Wordsworth, John, P.Prov. G.Dir.Cers. / Hazlegrave Joseph, P.M.			
Wentworth	1239	Ellis, S.B., W.M.			
		Total from the Province	766	10	0

NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

St. Oswald	1124	Spaull, W. H., P.M., Prov. G.Sec.	101	17	0
Royal Denbigh	1143	Sisson, Robt. James, P.M. Prov.G.Reg.	10	10	0
Square and Compass	1336	Bury, J. Oswell, W.M.	52	10	0
Sir Watkin	1477	Potts, Algernon, W.M.	10	10	0

SOUTH WALES—Eastern Division.

Glamorgan	36	Taylor, William, M.D.	132	15	0

SOUTH WALES—Western Division.

Prince of Wales	671	Stone, Aaron, P.M., P.Pro. G.W.	168	0	0

HONG KONG.

		Chater, C. P.V.Pat. of Inst.	73	10	0

ORDER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

Mt. Calvary Preceptory		Tanner, Joseph	5	5	0

MARK DEGREE.

Aldershot Military	54	Pulley, T. J.			
Grosvenor	144	Levander, H. C., Prov. G. Sec. of Middx.	28	7	0
Duke of Connaught		Shackleton, J. B., W.M.			

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

		Montagu, J. M.P., V.Pat. of Inst.	84	0	0

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

		Matier, C. F., D.Prov.G.M.	108	3	0

UNATTACHED.

		Morris, E. J., V.Pat. of Inst.	105	0	0

CORRESPONDENCE.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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POWERS AND PRIVILEGES OF MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—Unhappy "W. M. Regispons!" He has received chastisement at the hands of "Primus," and ought to be, if he is not, in fear and trembling. He asked a plain question, to which you, Sir, at all events, thought it worth while to give a plain answer; but the desperate "Primus," who, for aught I know to the contrary, may be half a dozen indignant W.M.'s rolled into one, haughtily advises your unfortunate correspondent "to seek to do his duty in the high office in which he is placed, and not to attempt to shirk his work by putting it upon the Wardens' shoulders, before they are, by the training of a good example, fitted for the task." Oh! dear! what can the matter be? To be beaten for a harmless query, to be pummelled to a jelly for expressing an opinion! For my part, I shall consider the requisite "thrice," before I seek for information, or, with your permission, say what I think in the columns of your estimable journal. No, i' faith, my noble "Primus," you are a little too terrible!

Is this dread "Primus" whom I see before me,
With cudgel in his hand? Oh! let me 'scape thee:—
I hurt thee not, and yet I fear thee still.
Art thou not, awful brother, sensible
To feeling, that thou smite'st me terribly,
Because I askèd just a simple question?
I see thee yet—in fear and trembling too,
Lest all too eager curiosity
May bring me overwhelming chastisement.

Joking apart, I saw nothing in "W.M. Regispon's" letter suggestive of "deviation from the ancient customs, and established landmarks;" nothing about a W.M., who might allow one of his Wardens to utter for him the words used in our ceremonies, not being "up to his work sufficiently to teach them *by his example;*" nothing about the "W.M. shirking his work." I saw a simple question, which seemed to me reasonable; a statement of fact which was undeniable; and the expression of a hope that the views which he had hitherto held were wrong; as then, if occasion offered, a W.M. might give his Wardens "an opportunity of learning their future duties." Surely there was nothing in this to warrant so tremendous a castigation as "Primus" has administered.

Yours fraternally,

COMUS.

FREEMASONS AT ISSUE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I do not think that the statement of "THE DEFENDANT'S SOLICITOR," in your last issue, places the case, which was recently brought before Mr Justice Field, and held over, at his suggestion, for reference to the G.M., in a more favourable light. He says the P.G.M. "still has the matter before him for his consideration, and that he has not declined to adjudicate." All the greater reason, in my humble opinion, why the "Freemasons at Issue" should have waited for the decision of the proper Masonic tribunal before rushing heedlessly into a court of law. Nor do I think his description of the facts make it more apparent that the case was less worthy of being decided Masonically. He says, "The fact is, the action is brought, upon the Lodge summons, against the W.M., the Secretary, and a third brother," &c. I labour under the disadvantage of having no legal knowledge to back up my view; but, as a matter of common sense, it strikes me that a Lodge summons is intended for private circulation only, that its contents are essentially of a confidential character, and that nothing respecting their nature should ever be divulged to anybody outside the precincts of the Lodge. Whatever the difference, it was purely and simply Masonic, and it should have been settled before that tribunal which is provided by the laws and constitutions of Freemasonry. I do not say that a Freemason has not the right to invite the decision of our courts of law *re* any squabble he may, unfortunately, be engaged in with another Freemason; but, as far as I have been able to gather, Mr. Justice Field acted very properly when he stopped this particular case, in order that it might be referred to the Masonic authorities.

Fraternally yours,

London, 25th June 1877. NO LAWYER, BUT A MASON.

We have to acknowledge receipt of *Cook's West of England Tours*, arranged by Messrs. T. Cook and Son, Ludgate-circus. It contains programmes of a new system of Tours, embracing all the points of interest from Bristol to the Land's End, the magnificent coast scenery of North and South Devon, Cornwall, and the Scilly Isles. All needful information is furnished about railways, steamers, coaches, and private vehicles; times of arrival and departure, fares, and the like. The principal towns in the district are described and illustrated, mention being likewise made of the principal excursions in their vicinity. There is also a list of the first-class hotels at which Messrs. Cook and Sons' coupons—uniform rate of eleven shillings a day for meat breakfast, dinner, plain tea, bed, and attendance—will be accepted. These little Tourist Guide Books are very useful, and intending visitors to the West of England will do well to procure a copy of this itinerary.

LEYTON COLLEGE, ESSEX.

SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT BY THE PUPILS.

THE question of Masonic innovation, so far as the presence of ladies and non-Masons at our festive gatherings is concerned, is fast becoming one which will require grave consideration from such of our brethren who deem that the slightest knowledge of the proceedings at our meetings will lead to the destruction of the Masonic edifice. Another phase of this, in our opinion, judicious innovation is, what may be termed semi-Masonic gatherings. The proceedings of some of these it has been our pleasure to record, and certainly, if we open our doors to the public, nothing is fairer than that we should expect the public to open their doors to us. Among the latter class, the periodical gatherings at Leyton College deserve a place, for there we are always sure of a true Masonic welcome from Bro. Westfield, and we are likewise certain of meeting, on these special occasions, several well-known brethren.

Part I. of the programme on Friday, 22nd inst., commenced with a piano duet (Eco di Napoli), which was admirably played by Miss E. Westfield and Mr. W. F. Bradshaw; this was followed by some capital songs, choruses, and piano solos, by Masters A. Delves, J. Slater, Brown, J. Cecil Jackson, H. Milton, Miss E. Westfield (who is fast becoming a most accomplished executant), Mr. Bradshaw, &c. Part II. comprised no less than fourteen items, prominent among which we may mention the "Bird Waltz," played by H. Brown; "Nothing More," sung by D. Bartlett; "Happy be thy Dreams," by J. Cecil Jackson, &c. A recitation (Tam O'Shanter) was well given by W. Walters, although he exhibited some slight amount of nervousness. J. Cecil Jackson was admirable in "The Yarn of the Nancy Bell." This part of the evening's proceedings passed off very successfully, and clearly demonstrated that the musical tutor (Mr. Bradshaw) conducts the training of the boys in an efficient manner. By special desire, two of the pupils sang "What are the wild waves saying," and rendered it in a most creditable manner.

The specimens of drawing exhibited showed that the pupils are making great progress in this art, and prove that the efforts of the masters are directed in the right course. We especially desire to mention the efforts of Masters Delves, Webster, Milton and Waters in Mechanical Drawing; Masters Sayer, Slater, Wilson and Waters in Architectural Drawing; and Masters Waters, Delves and Webster in Crayon Drawing. Many of these specimens are above the average looked for from such young gentlemen.

Those of the visitors who were not compelled to return by train spent a few hours in dancing, and universally expressed the pleasure they had derived from their visit.

JAMAICA.

THE installation of Master and Officers of the Phœnix Lodge, Port Royal, took place on 23rd April, when the following were duly installed:—

Wor. L. C. Hollen	Master.
Bro. G. P. Myers	Senior Warden.
„ D. Wilson	Junior Warden.
„ J. S. Campbell	Secretary.
„ J. Thompson	Treasurer.
„ J. Campion	Senior Deacon.
„ R. Greenaway	Junior Deacon.
„ J. Allen	Inner Guard.
„ F. W. Hollen	Tyler.

The Installing Officer being W. Bro. O. Delgado jun., assisted by Bros. Alvareiga, Phœnix; Ferron, of Glenlyon; Sherlock, Royal; afterwards the brethren repaired to a banquet and retired at a late hour.

No meetings have been held for the Glenlyon Lodge (Scotch), holding at Kingston, for some months, the W. Master refuses to call any meetings on account of some disagreeableness with the members.

The members of the Sussex Lodge, holding at Kingston, have purchased very large and extensive premises, well adapted for a Lodge Room; the necessary alterations will shortly be made.

No officers for the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter for Jamaica have been appointed for the year.

At Kingston the following are the officers:—	
Royal Lodge	Wor. W. Andrews jun.
Sussex Lodge	„ N. R. Lee.
Friendly Lodge	„ E. J. Brandon.
Glenlyon Lodge (Scotch)	„ B. M. Dias.
At Port Royal:—	
Phœnix Lodge	Wor. J. C. Hollar.
Royal Chapter	Comp. J. Garsia P.Z.
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Friendly Chapter	„ J. J. G. Lewis P.Z.
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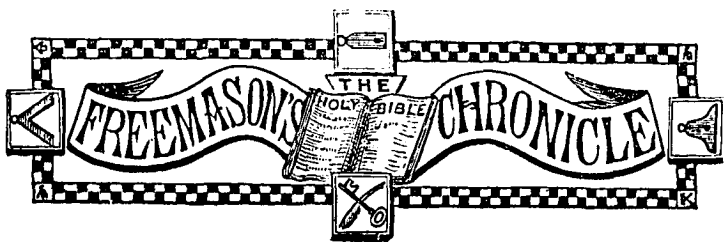

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NOTICE.

In consequence of the heavy demand on our space, we are compelled to hold over several important Notices (especially Report of Prov. Grand Lodge Berks and Bucks), some interesting Letters, and other matter. The Title Page and Index for Vol. V. will be issued next week.

OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

IN the House of Lords it has been announced that, owing to the defeat of the Government on Lord Harrowby's clause, the Burials Bill is withdrawn. The Married Women's Property (1870) Amendment Bill, the second reading of which was moved by Lord Coleridge, is withdrawn. The advancement of sundry bills through various stages, and a question respecting the insulting treatment of Colonel Wellesley, our military *attaché* at St. Petersburgh, are the only other noteworthy matters in the Upper House. In the Commons, the Indian Budget was submitted by the Home Secretary of State, Lord George Hamilton, in a speech of great ability. Usually this important event happens in the dog days, and in a very thin house. The attendance was not more considerable on Thursday last, but the bringing this Budget forward at so early a day is an excellent precedent. On Friday, the obstructive Biggar did his best to prevent the progress of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Bill. On going into Committee, he moved to report progress, but he was defeated by 180 to 10. After this, Clauses 1 to 5 were agreed to. On Clause 6, Mr. Meldon proposed that the Irish Lord Chancellor should be appointed from the Irish bar, but was defeated by 202 to 106. Progress was then reported, and the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Bill was read a second time. At the very commencement of the evening sitting, a count out occurred, as there were under forty members present. On Monday, a motion of Colonel Jervis for giving arrears of pay to certain Royal Artillery and Engineer Officers was carried, in spite of the opposition of the Government, by a considerable majority. A resolution of Mr. Holms on First Class Army Reserves was defeated by 207 to 46. In supply, slight progress was made with the Army Estimates. On Tuesday the House again went into Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Bill, and though a long discussion occurred, clauses 6 to 12 inclusive were agreed to. A motion by Colonel Alexander, relative to certain Scotch Intestates, was defeated by a majority of 62, the numbers being for the motion 135, and against it 197. The subject of Church patronage was discussed at some length, shortly after which the House was counted out, at twenty minutes past one o'clock. Nearly the whole of Wednesday afternoon was occupied with the Irish Sunday Closing Bill, but, by the rules of the House, the debate had to be adjourned.

The Queen reached Windsor Castle on her return from Balmoral early on Friday morning last. During the day, the Prime Minister had an audience of Her Majesty, and later in the evening Prince Leopold arrived at the Castle. On Monday, the Emperor and Empress of Brazil paid a visit to Windsor, and having lunched with the Queen, returned to town after a drive in the Park. On Tuesday General and Mrs. Grant, Mr. Jesse Grant, the American Minister and Mrs. Pierrepoint, visited Her Majesty, and dined and slept at the Castle, returning early the following morning to town. On Friday evening a State Ball was given by command of the Queen at Buckingham Palace. The Prince and Princess of Wales received Her Majesty's guests, among whom were the Emperor and Empress of Brazil, and several members of the Royal Family. On Wednesday, a State Concert was given, at which the Prince and Princess of Wales again did the honours for Her Majesty. The Emperor and Empress of Brazil were present, and so were the Prince and Princess Christian, the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne, Prince Leopold, the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, and a large number of the nobility and gentry.

No long time elapses without our hearing of the occurrence of some dreadful colliery accident. One of these terrible catastrophes happened on Wednesday, at the Annerley Colliery, situated about ten miles from Nottingham. Two of the men who were in the working where the explosion of firedamp took place, were rescued in a very exhausted condition; but the bodies of the other five were not reached till death had supervened. Of the exploring party who went to the rescue, two fell victims to the foul air, and the rest had to retreat for a time.

The Winchester Conference met on Wednesday afternoon, at the County Hall, Winchester, under the presidency of the Bishop of the diocese. In the course of the proceedings a motion was adopted condemning the practice of obligatory confession, as alien to the spirit of the English Church, and a certain book entitled "The Priest in Absolution," which has lately caused so much indignation among the public.

The trial of Mr. Bradlaugh and Mrs. Besant for the publication of a filthy book, has terminated in the defendants being found guilty. Sentence has been passed, but, pending a further appeal to the Court, the accused are at liberty on their own recognizances.

This week there has been more than one considerable gathering of visitors at the Crystal Palace, in consequence of the celebration of the Triennial Handel Festival. Over 18,000 were present on Monday, when the Festival was inaugurated with the *Messiah*, the principal artistes being Mdlle Albani, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Vernon Rigby, and Mr. Santley, while Sir Michael Costa conducted. The choruses were rendered with admirable effect, and the vocalists we have named sang splendidly. On Wednesday, a miscellaneous selection was given, and among the leading performers, both vocal and instrumental, were Madame

Patti, Madame Lemmens-Sherrington, Mr. Santley, Mr. Best (organ,) Mr. Willing, who played the organ accompaniments, Mr. Harper (trumpet,) and Signor Foli. Over 20,000 were present on this occasion. Yesterday the Festival was brought to a close, with *Israel in Egypt*.

On Wednesday H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge presided at the distribution of prizes to the Medical Department of King's College, London. The hall was well filled, and among those present were many ladies. The Principal of the College, the Rev. Canon Barry, and Professor Bentley Dean, of the Medical Faculty, were present. When the ceremony was over, His Royal Highness delivered an address, congratulating the authorities on the efficiency of the Department, shortly after which the proceedings terminated with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Sir John Bennett has at length gained the object of his ambition, and has been formally declared elected as Alderman of the Ward of Cheap, in succession to the late Alderman Allen. It will be remembered that when the vote took place some short time since, Sir John was declared to have a majority of one over his opponent, Mr. Waddell, but a scrutiny was demanded by the latter, and at once acquiesced in. The result confirms the election as having fallen legally on Sir John Bennett, to whom, accordingly, we offer our felicitations. Our energetic brother, "Father Time," may now look forward to the day when he will occupy the Civic throne, while Mr. Waddell, who is likewise a Craftsman, will, no doubt, succeed at some future election in wearing the Aldermanic Gown.

In France, the Chamber of Deputies has been dissolved, the Senate having acquiesced in the wishes of the President, and voted its dissolution by 150 to 130 votes. A new Chamber will have to be elected. The whole of the 363 Opposition Deputies will offer themselves for re-election, and there appears a general belief that the party of MM. Simon and Gambetta will secure a victory. However, the Ministry are able to bring a great deal of pressure to bear in support of their own candidates, and it is possible they may succeed in obtaining a majority; but the Ministerialists are not a united body, and the Oppositionists are.

Several important events have taken place both in Europe and Asia. The Russians have crossed the Danube at Galatz, and are marching through the Dobrudscha to Kustendje, where it is expected they will meet with the first serious opposition from the Turks, into whose plan of campaign it never entered to oppose the passage of the river in this direction. They have, therefore, evacuated the few habitable places in the Dobrudscha as the Russians advanced. Meanwhile, it is evident that preparations are being made higher up to effect other passages. The mass of the Russian army has been marched westward, the Czar himself, according to the latest accounts we have seen, having gone to Turnu Magarelli, so that even before this meets the eye of our readers, the attempt may have been made. As the Turks are on the look-out, some tremendous fighting may be anticipated. Elsewhere the operations between the opposing forces has been limited to bombardments between Kalafat and Widdin, and Rustchuk and Giurgevo. The Russians must be very indifferent marksmen, or else they are indifferent to the claims of that humanity which they are professing to fight for, and the respect due to this country; for they have hit the hospital at Widdin more than once, and at Rustchuk, the house of the British Consul, with the Union Jack flying, has been battered to pieces. The Austro-Hungarian Consulate at the latter place has also been struck. We read also of a protest issued by the Sultan's Government against the Russians blowing up unresisting Turkish merchant vessels with torpedoes, and elsewhere—notably in Asia—we hear of Russian atrocities. These, of course, are the honourable men of whom so much sympathy was known in England last autumn. However, might makes right in the eyes of the Czar, so the world can do nothing else but grin and bear these outrages, committed in the name of religion and humanity. In Asia there has been a severe amount of fighting, and the Turks, even on their enemy's own showing, appear not to have had the worst of it, while, according to their own statement, they have gained a very considerable victory, not far from the scene of the former battle, where Mehemet Pasha was defeated and slain. At Batoum they claim to have inflicted heavy losses on the Russians, while the repeated assaults on the outer works of Kars make not the slightest impression. We hear little from the Caucasus, except that the insurrection is still in force, and that the Russians have behaved with the grossest inhumanity, burning down villages, brutally using women and children, and sending the men to Siberia. These are, of course, mere statements, and we must guard ourselves against accepting them as true. But we know that Russia has sent people to Siberia before now, and has slaughtered women and children on previous occasions. The statements, therefore, are not improbable or impossible, and if, on examination, they turn out to be true, we trust Mr. Gladstone will make a point of condemning the Russian atrocities as publicly and as vehemently as he did the Bulgarian atrocities of the Turk. We must be just before we are ungenerous. As to the political aspect of the situation, there is no change worth recording. Prince Milan is not much the better for his visit to the Czar, who seems to have treated him in a very off-hand way. Whether Servia will plunge into war again is not known at present. If she is wise, she will stand aloof. Such a drubbing as she received last autumn from the Turks is enough for half a century. We hear little of the Roumanians, while as regards Montenegro, in spite of the repeated defeats they have met with at the hands of the Turks, they seem, according to their own account, to have killed more of the enemy than he ever had in the field, and are preparing for a decisive victory, just when nearly the whole of their country is in the hands of the Turks. We shall not attempt to explain these wonderful contradictions. The fact that Montenegro itself has been invaded by the Turks, whereas before it was Turkey which was invaded by the Montenegrins, is quite enough, whatever it may be in the judgment of others. However, we have sketched the progress of the war thus far, and next week, no doubt, shall have more terrible events to record.

Since the above was written, news has arrived of the passage of the Danube at Sistova, by a portion of the Russian army under the Grand Duke Nicholas in person.

The Paxton Lodge, No. 1686, will be consecrated this day (Saturday), at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. The ceremony, which will commence at 4 o'clock, will be performed by Bro. H. E. Frances P.M. P.P.S.G.D Surrey, assisted by the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chap. Bro. J. M. Klenck is the W.M. designate, W. Goddard the S.W., and C. H. Benham the J.W. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was to have met on the 4th July, but it has, we understand, been postponed until Wednesday, the 18th July, when it will assemble in the Freemasons' New Hall, Sheffield,—as we previously announced.

We are very sorry to hear of the illness of Bro. C. F. Matier, whose interest in all matters pertaining to the Craft, and especially in what concerns the Craft Institutions, is familar to our readers. Knowing, as we do, the amount of energy he has displayed in connection with the recent Festival of the Boys' School, we feel that his being laid up this week, of all weeks in the year, must have proved a serious disappointment to him. We offer him the expression of our warmest sympathy, and trust that not many days will elapse ere he is completely restored to his normal state of health.

The *Keystone* announces that Oriental Lodge, No. 385, Philadelphia, celebrated its tenth anniversary, by a Masonic re-union, at Morton Hall, 41 Street and Haverford Street. Bro. Charles Summerfield W.M. presided, and extended a hearty welcome to the one hundred and sixty brethren who were present. When the Lodge business was over, the brethren adjourned to banquet, the hall being very tastefully decorated with flags and emblems, and the tables with magnificent bouquets of flowers. After banquet Bro. Summerfield gave an interesting sketch of the history of the Lodge, which started with thirty one members, and now numbered over one hundred and sixty. Several speeches followed, by Bro. John Field, the first W.M. of the Lodge, and others. At intervals, the guests were entertained with a capital selection of vocal and instrumental music. Indeed, the re-union was a great success.

A DAY WITH WESTMORELAND MASONS.

[COMMUNICATED.]

HAVING received an invitation to attend the Annual Meeting of the Eden Valley Lodge, No. 812, at Appleby, and knowing the picturesque character of the scenery, we purposely arrived at the ancient borough on the eve of the local St. John's. We sojourned for the night at that famous hostel "The King's Head," where we had bed, board, and attendance,—all that could be desired. We shall not soon forget the longest day, 1877. After breakfast, one of the Senior Past Masters, Bro. Whitehead, called and offered to show us the "lions." The town is beautifully situated on both sides of the Eden, the English Rhine, and dates back to the time of the Romans, and was for very many years a place of similar importance to York. Its ancient glory is represented by antiquities and historical associations, at which, of course, we could only faintly glance. Appleby was made a borough by the first Plantagenet Sovereign, and is still governed by a Mayor, twelve aldermen, and sixteen burgers, according to ancient custom. It returned two members to Parliament from the time of Edward I. till the passing of the Reform Bill. It has been the scene of many a sanguinary conflict—the last being a heroic resistance, under the direction of Anne, Countess of Pembroke, to the Parliamentary Army in 1648. Appleby proper stands on a hill-slope, with the Castle at its head, and the Church of St. Lawrence at its foot. The Castle occupies the site of the Roman Station, Galicum; was built by the Saxons, and rebuilt in the time of Henry VI.; and is surrounded by a double moat. From the top of the Tower we obtained a view of surpassing beauty. The whole scene is wooded, every slope and every ridge is dark with trees, or verdure. Here the eye wearies not of seeing, nor the mind of the refreshing thought inspired by so rich a scene, nor the heart of the emotion awakened by so vast a horizon. On the way from the Castle to the Church, we visited Countess Anne's Hospital, a quadrangular building, occupied by a "Mother" and twelve "Sisters." In one angle of the quadrangle is a quaint little chapel, in which early matins is said daily throughout the year by the Chaplain. The Church of St. Lawrence is an edifice in late English, chiefly rebuilt by the Countess Anne of Pembroke; and contains tombs of that lady, of her mother the Countess of Cumberland, and of other Cliffords. Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School is a notable seat of learning, with five Exhibitions to Queen's College, Oxford. We crossed the river by the "Stepping Stones," and returned by Old Appleby, with its pretty little church. Small as is this ancient borough, yet it has sent forth, from time to time, men who have left their mark behind them. Thomas de Viteripont, of the 13th century, Thomas de Appleby Bishop of Ossory, Dr. Bambridge Archbishop of York, and Dr. Christopher Potter Dean of Durham, were natives; and Bedell Bishop of Kilmore, Barlow Bishop of Lincoln, Addison Dean of Lichfield, and Dr. Langhorne, the translator of Plutarch, were educated at the Grammar School. A rest and some light refreshment brought us to Lodge time. The Lodge was held in a very comfortable room, which was soon filled by the Members and Visitors. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Rev. Canon Simpson LL.D., Past Grand Chaplain of England, the brethren invited Bro. John Bowes P.M. P.Z., Prov. Junior Grand Warden, to take the chair, and conduct the ceremony of the day. In this he was assisted by Bros. Kirkbride P.M. P.Z., Prov. Senior Grand Warden, John Whitehead P.M. Prov. G. Reg., W. S. Foulton P.M., Nelson W.M. 129, R. Godfrey W.M. 1074, R. Warton S.W. W.M. elect, Cockfield J.W., Barron J.W. 129, G. R. Thompson, Rev. R. Chapelhow Chaplain, Popple, Pearson, W. Coussens Hon. Sec., Cupins Tyler, &c., &c. The Lodge was opened in solemn form, with prayer, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge being opened in the 2nd degree, Bros. Kirkbride and Whitehead presented the W.M. elect, Bro. Warton, for the benefit of Installation. The first part of the ceremony being completed, the following Past Masters took up the positions indicated: Bro. Nelson S.W., Bro. Godfrey J.W., and Bro. Whitehead I.G. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, after which all below the degree of Installed Master, with the exception of the W.M. elect, were requested to retire. Bro. Warton was then "entrusted" and retired. A Board of Installed Masters was opened in ample form—the W.M. elect re-admitted and installed in the Chair of K.S., greeted in due form, and proclaimed from the centre. The W. brethren were then called off, when cement proper to the occasion was applied, according to ancient custom. Labour resumed, the Board of Installed Masters was closed, and the brethren re-admitted. The W.M. was then greeted and proclaimed in the several degrees. The officers for the ensuing year having been appointed and invested, Bro. Kirkbride delivered the charges to the W.M. and brethren. Bro. Bowes the address to the Wardens.

After some routine business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where everything in season was bountifully supplied, and tastefully presented by the excellent hostess, Mrs. Rigg, and under the presidency of the newly installed W.M. nothing was wanted to render the occasion one of real enjoyment. Grace before and after meat was said by the Rev. R. Chapelhow. On the cloth being withdrawn, a toast list of a unique character was placed in our hands, for which the Appleby brethren were indebted to Bro. Kirkbride. The list is of an unusual and appropriate character, and we have pleasure in reproducing it.

THE QUEEN.—"Many years of happy days befall our Gracious Sovereign, our most loving liege. Until the heavens, envying earth's good hap, add an immortal title to a crown."—*Richard III.*

The M.W.G.M.—"The Immortal Heir of England." "The hope and expectation of the time." "It is the Prince of Wales."—*Henry IV.*

THE R.W.P.G.M.—"A braver place in our heart's love hath no man."—*Henry IV.*

THE R.W.P.G.M.—"What is the news from this Good Deputy? For you must know we have, with SPECIAL soul, elected him, our absence to supply; lent him our terror, dressed him with our love, and given his deputation all the organs of our power."—*Measure for Measure.*

THE P.G. OFFICERS.—"Degrees and Office purchased by the merit of the bearer."

THE W.M.—"The Master! He is a good one, and his worthiness does challenge much re pect."—*Othello.*

THE VISITORS.—"Our hearts of Brothers' temper do receive you in, with all kind love, good thoughts, and reverence."—*Julius Cæsar.*

THE P.M's.—"Elder Masters of known honour, such men might be a copy to these younger times."—*All's Well.*

THE LODGES OF THE PROVINCE.—"Pray you, bid these friends welcome, for it is a way to make us better friends."—*Winter's Tale.*

THE CHARITIES.—"The charitable duty of our order."—*Comedy of Errors.*

THE OFFICERS.—"Bear their blushing honours thick upon them."—*Henry VIII.*

The following appropriate quotations were found in the Border of the Toast List:—

"You know your degrees, sit down:
At first and last, the hearty welcome."—*Macbeth.*
"A stoup of wine."—*Twelfth Night.*
"Beseech you, sirs, be merry."—*Tempest.*
"Love and health to all."—*Macbeth.*
"There is full liberty of feasting from the present hour till the Bell have tolled ELEVEN."—*Othello.*

Post prandial speeches are much of the same character, wherever made; but we were much pleased on this occasion by their heartiness and the true Masonic feeling manifested in the remarks of the various speakers. The W.M. is evidently held in the highest estimation, and we entertain no doubt from what we saw and heard that he will make a thoroughly efficient Master. The Past Masters were highly spoken of, for their long-continued interest in the Craft, while the officers generally appear to have been selected with much judgment. The Installing Masters are well known and appreciated, as "working" Masons, and their rank in the Province shows that their worth is recognised by the Prov. Grand Master. The Visitors, one and all, gave free expression to their obligations to the Appleby brethren for the very enjoyable day they had had in every degree.

"The Bell having tolled Eleven," the Tyler's Toast brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren separated.

"Happy to meet,
Sorry to part,
Happy to meet again."

LODGE OF PEACE, No. 149, MELTHAM.

CENTENARY FESTIVAL.

THE Centenary Festival took place on Friday, the 15th inst., at Meltham. The Lodge was opened at twelve o'clock in the Infant Schoolroom by the officers of the Lodge. Bros. Charles Rayner I.P.M. acting as W.M., D. Cairns S.W., Samuel Sugden J.W., George Heywood P.M. as I.P.M., John Ellis S.D., William Sugg J.D., Joseph W. Sykes I.G., and Buckley Tyler. There were brethren present from twenty different Lodges in different parts of England and Scotland, viz.:—Probity No. 61, Royal Yorkshire 265, Harmony 275, Fidelity 289, Huddersfield 290, Prince Frederick 307, Moira 324, St. George's 333, Candour 337, Scientific 439, St. James 448, Wakefield 495, Truth 521, St. Oswald 910, Trafalgar 971, Mirfield 1102, St. David's 1147, Thornhill 1514, Wellington 1521, Legiolium 1542, and Colne Valley 1645.

After the Lodge had been opened to the third degree, the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew J.P., Bro. Bentley Shaw W.P.D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, P.G.D. of England, D.L., and other Provincial Grand Officers were announced, and conducted to their places in the Lodge, Bro. George Milnes presiding at the harmonium, when Bros. Tew and Bentley Shaw were saluted with honours in the usual manner. Bro. Rayner, as W.M., then rose and said:—Brethren, we are assembled here to-day for the purpose of celebrating the one hundredth birthday of this our good old Lodge of Peace. It is an event such as rarely occurs in any Province; an event which will no doubt be long looked back upon as a red letter day in the annals of the old Lodge, not only by its present members, but also by their successors in time to come. I feel sure you will excuse me for seizing upon this the earliest opportunity of expressing the pleasure and the gratification it gives me to see you all here to join with us in our rejoicing on this auspicious day. I sincerely hope that we shall all enjoy ourselves, that we shall all make ourselves happy and comfortable, and that when the day's proceedings are over we may be all able to part with a full consciousness of having assisted in carrying out those proceedings in a manner both creditable to ourselves and honourable to the Craft. I will not further take up your valuable time with any remarks of my own, but will at once ask the W.D.P. Grand Master to take the chair, and favour us with the address he has so kindly promised to give.

Bro. Rayner then left the chair, which was occupied by the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Tew, who then read a most interesting address on Freemasonry, prepared for the occasion.

The W.P.D.P.G.M., Bro. Bentley Shaw, next addressed the brethren, and read a communication he had received from a friend in London, giving a short account of the earliest history of the Lodge. That it was first opened at the Cock Inn, Barnsley, on the 1st of April 1777, and that after having been in existence only one year, it ceased working until the year 1801. He also alluded to the laying of the foundation stone of the Meltham Church Tower by the Freemasons, in the year 1835, and of the laying of the foundation stone of the Convalescent Home, by the Marquis of Ripon and Provincial Grand Lodge, in the year 1868.

The banquet was prepared in the National Schoolroom for two

o'clock, Bro. Joseph Knight, of the Swan Inn, Meltham, being the caterer; it reflected the highest credit upon Bro. Knight. Accommodation was provided for about 100 persons. The tables were decorated with very rare plants, from the conservatory at Thickhollins Hall, kindly lent for the occasion by Bro. J. W. Carlile. Each napkin had in it a splendid bouquet for the coat. On the top or cross table we noticed that the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of West Yorkshire, Bro. T. W. Tew J.P., occupied the chair. On his right were seated Bros. Bentley Shaw W.P.D.P.G.M. P.G.D. of England D.L., Booth W.P.G.S.W. of West Yorkshire, John Hirst jun. J.P. W.P.G.J.W. of West Yorkshire, Simpson W.P.P.G.W., H. Smith P.G. Secretary West Yorkshire, and Charles Rayner I.P.M. Lodge of Peace. On his left were seated Bros. Rev. W. T. M. Sylvester P.P.G.C. Provincial Grand Chaplain of West Yorkshire, Rev. R. Oldfield, J. W. Carlile, T. A. Haigh P.M. Lodge of Peace and P.P.G.D., Jonas Craven P.P.G.S.W., and Dr. Spark P.P. Grand Organist of Leeds. The choir consisted of Bros. George Milnes, Joe Wood, William Todd, and B. Stocks; J. Marshall piano.

The cloth having been removed, the Queen was given by the Chairman, and having been duly honoured, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., was next given and received with cheers.

The next toast was the M.W. Pro G.M. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, also R.W. Dep. G.M. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present, proposed by the Chair, and responded to by Bro. Bentley Shaw P.G.D. of England.

The Chairman, in giving the toast of the R.W.P.G.M., Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., said: We could hardly expect to be favoured with the presence of Sir Henry Edwards on this occasion—but you will echo this sentiment—we rejoice in this opportunity to drink his good health. Although absent he desires me to express his congratulations to the brethren assembled on the 100th year of existence of this excellent and valued Lodge, and I, as his Deputy, shall not fail to inform him of the admirable working order in which I find the Lodge of Peace, and on the whole with which this day's arrangements have been organised. We must look upon another occasion when a Prov. Grand Master was present in this very room. I refer to the occasion of the Marquis of Ripon visiting Meltham, in 1868, and the manner in which he laid the foundation stone according to Masonic ritual of the Convalescent Home, and a lasting memorial of the benevolence of Mr. Brook. Greatly do we, as Freemasons, regret the circumstances which deprived the Craft of the Marquis of Ripon. I fear he will never return to us again in the capacity of our Prov. Grand Master. We have, however, in his place Sir Henry Edwards, a Baronet who has shown his appreciation of the honour which our Royal Grand Master has conferred upon him, as the head of the Craft in West Yorkshire, by always being in his place in Provincial Grand Lodge. I am requested to inform you that our Summer Meeting is on the 18th July, at Sheffield, and you will see Sir Henry Edwards in his place on that occasion. We have Bro. Booth from the Lodge of Probity, the same Lodge as that to which Sir Henry Edwards belongs; we have also the late Deputy Provincial Grand Master present with us. It is gratifying to every one of us that he has recovered so far from his indisposition as to give us the light of his countenance and the sunshine of his genial and ever welcome presence. I can only say that the excellencies of our Provincial Grand Master are now so well known amongst the Craft as to need no special eulogy on my part. It is his popular characteristics which have endeared him to us all, and I think no more worthy gentleman could have been selected to fill the place of the Marquis of Ripon than Sir Henry Edwards. I now call upon you, brethren, to join me in expressing the hope that the Great Author of the Universe will bestow His blessing upon our P.G.M., and give him health and long life to preside over our assemblies and the Craft which he adorns with every moral and social virtue. The toast having been drunk with honours,—

Bro. J. W. Carlile proposed the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew J.P., also W.P.D.P.G.M. Bro. Bentley Shaw D.L., and all present and past officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire.

Bro. T. W. Tew responded, he said: I feel it to be no light responsibility to fill the office of D.P.G.M of this Province. In 1875, I was to all of you an untried Mason, and to have been chosen representative to our Prov. Grand Master of so large a Masonic constituency as is this West Yorkshire, is to me the most complimentary privilege of my life. You have been good enough to receive the toast of my health to-night in a manner much more worthy of the close of my official connection with the Province than my first years of labour a your deputy. I attribute your kind reception of me more to your indulgence and forbearance than to any Masonic talents of my own, because I feel I am continually being brought into contact with brethren in this Province of greater talents and erudition than myself. I greatly regret that my business and other multifarious occupations do not leave me free and unfettered in thought and action, so that I could devote the whole of my time to gain that perfect knowledge and experience of Masonic life amongst you, without which no Master Mason can thoroughly succeed in the office of D.P.G.M. of this Province. I thank you for your invitation to-night, and promise that, to the best of my poor ability, I will try in the future to do what I have tried to do in the past, to make the administration of this Province, under Lieut.-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, prosperous, illustrious, and brilliant. I feel that the gathering to-day is not only a welcome to Bro. Bentley Shaw, but an enthusiastic expression of your belief in the beauty of Masonic principles of piety, justice and virtue; of your abiding faith in the permanency of the organisation of Freemasonry, which has led to the prosperity of the Order and its development amongst all nations on the earth. In this direction the labours of your previous D.P.G.M. have been crowned with success You have trusted Prov. G. Officers in the past. Will you trust those now newly elected? as they may feel you will trust those who come in the future, so that we, your officers, may feel sure that in giving confidence to our Government in dealing with great Masonic affairs you would leave matters, as in the past, so in the present in our hands, trusting to our watchfulness the honour and Masonic interests of our beloved Province.

The Old Lodge of Peace was proposed in a suitable speech by Bro. Bentley Shaw.

Bro. T. A. Haigh, in responding, begged to tender his sincere and heartfelt thanks, on behalf of the rest of the brethren, to Bro. Shaw, for the very kind expressions and kind remarks he had been pleased to make respecting the Lodge, and he hoped that so far as the future of the Lodge was concerned, those wishes and expressions might be fully realised. Bro. Haigh also begged to thank the numerous brethren present from other Lodges, in this and other Provinces, for the enthusiastic reception they had given to the toast. The Lodge, he said, had been in existence over 100 years, having been first opened in the town of Barnsley in the year 1777, but in the year 1778 it is supposed to have ceased working for a lengthened period. There was no record of its proceedings from that date until the year 1804, when it was revived by Warrant of Confirmation, granted 28th March of that year, and removed from Barnsley to Dewsbury, and held its meetings at the Traveller's Rest, in the latter town, until the year 1815, when on the 26th August, it was agreed, first to pay all expenses which might be brought against the Lodge, and, secondly, to dispose of the Lodge to the best advantage. In a few years after this time the Lodge regalia and Warrant were purchased by brethren residing at Honley, as on the 26th August 1826 it was agreed to remove to Meltham, and accordingly the first Freemasons' Lodge meeting was held in this village 13th September 1826, and the Lodge of Peace has now been located here for nearly 51 years. During the last half century it has had its times of adversity as well as its times of prosperity, but at the present time he thought it might be safely said to be in a more prosperous state than it ever was during any period of its existence. The Lodge had, during the time of its existence in Meltham, taken a prominent part in the following interesting occasions—viz., on the 15th of October 1827, the brethren of the Lodge assisted in laying the foundation stone of the South Crosland Church, and the trowel used on the occasion was now in the possession of the Lodge. On 5th March 1835, under the auspices of the Lodge, the foundation stone of the Meltham Church Tower was laid by our late Bro. Charles Lee, the then D.P.G.M. of this Province, and a sermon preached by our late Bro. Dr. Naylor, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, and last, though not least, the late Provincial Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon, assisted by the Provincial G. Officers, on 28th October 1868, at the request of the late lamented Charles Brook jun., Esq., laid the corner stone of the magnificent Convalescent Home. He concluded by again thanking them.

Bro. Charles Rayner, I.P.M. Lodge of Peace, then proposed the next toast. He said, Brethren, the toast which I have the honour and the pleasure of proposing is that of the Visiting Brethren. It is a toast which is always well received in our Lodge, but on the present occasion I feel sure that it will meet with a most enthusiastic reception. We have amongst us here to-day Visiting brethren who have spent great portions of their lives in working hard, not only for the good of their own Lodges, and the good of their own Province, but also for the good and the interest of the Craft generally; brethren who have attained to high honours in the Craft, honours which have been well earned, and which are well deserved, and my fervent wish and ardent hope is that the Great Architect of the Universe may give them long and happy lives to enjoy those honours. We are very proud to have amongst us the hard working W.D.P. Grand Master of this Province; a brother who is ever ready to give his assistance and advice to any Lodge in the Province that may require it; a brother who, in filling the office which he now holds in the Province, has proved himself to be a worthy successor to his most excellent predecessor in that office. We also feel greatly honoured by the presence of the much respected W.P.D.P.G.M., Bro. Bentley Shaw, a brother whose Masonic zeal is well known and greatly appreciated throughout the whole of this Province; whose genial temperament, kindheartedness, and whose noble and generous sentiments have won for him, I believe, both the respect and the admiration of all who have ever had the pleasure of coming in contact with him. We are greatly delighted and highly honoured in having here to-day so many of the present acting and past officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. They are all of them brethren who have worked hard in the Craft. And lastly, brethren, I see before me a large number of visiting brethren, whose love for Masonry none can doubt; brethren whose Masonic labours, like my own, are in a more humble sphere than those I have before mentioned, and many of them who, like myself, may perhaps never hope to reach the higher honours in the Craft, but whose labours for the good of Masonry will be none the less incessant on that account. They are brethren whose familiar faces may be found wherever there is any Masonic work to be done. In short, Visiting Brethren, I beg to thank you all, with the greatest sincerity and from the very bottom of my heart, both on my own behalf and on behalf of every member of this, the old Lodge of Peace, for the great honour you have conferred upon the Lodge by your presence on this great occasion. The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and then—

Bro. Rev. W. T. M. Sylvester proposed the Masonic Charities.

Bro. Nimrod Earnshaw, the W.M. of the Lodge, subsequently took the chair, and Bro. Jonas Craven P.P.G.S.W. responded to the toast of our Masonic Charities. He spoke of the large sums of money subscribed every year in support of these Charities, and of the good that had been done generally.

After a few songs, the remainder of the evening was spent in a very harmonious manner, and the proceedings terminated soon after eight o'clock.

The Committee of Management consisted of Bros. Nimrod Earnshaw W.M., C. H. Redfearn P.M. Secretary, D. Wood P.M. Treasurer of the Lodge, W. Haigh P.M., W. Myers P.M., and C. Rayner I.P.M. Chairman of the Committee.

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, 30th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing. (Emergency.)
1686—Paxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham. Consecration, at 4 o'clock.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 2nd JULY.

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.)

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
431—St. George's Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
482—St. James's, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
1054—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
1077—Wiston, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
M. M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 3rd JULY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Coopers Arms, Silver-street, Falcon-square, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. (Emergency.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
393—St. David's, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore.

WEDNESDAY, 4th JULY.

193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
298—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

THURSDAY, 5th JULY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

24—Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Guildhall, Canterbury.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery.

FRIDAY, 6th JULY.

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.
1327—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)

375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-Street, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1664—Gosforth, Brandling Arms Hotel, Gosforth.

SATURDAY, 7th JULY.

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

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1302—De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.

TUESDAY.

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

WEDNESDAY.

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

THURSDAY.

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

FRIDAY.

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

SATURDAY.

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

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—129—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.
TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 86 Constitution-street.
THURSDAY—97—St. James, St. James' Hall, Writer's-court.
FRIDAY—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

During the Tourist Season, for the benefit of our travelling brethren, we purpose giving all the Masonic Meetings in the West. All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—124—Kilwinning, Union Tavern, Ayr.
" 129—St. Mirren's, 5 Moss-street, Paisley, at 7.30.
" 138—Operative, Blue Bell Hotel, Ayr.
" 237—St. John, Masonic Arms, Govan.
" 332—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" R. A. 119—Rosslyn, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
TUESDAY—3 bis.—St. John's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 68—Doric Kilwinning, 64 Church-street, Glasgow.
" 73—Thistle and Rose, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 87—Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, 30 Cathedral-street, Glasgow.
" 173—St. John, Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Largs.
" 177—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Coatbridge
" 437—Govandale, Partland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.
" 442—Neptune, Freemasons' Hall, Princes-lane, Ardrossan.
" 556—Clydesdale, 106 Rose-street, Glasgow
WEDNESDAY—4—Kilwinning, 241 Dumbarton-road, Glasgow.
" 21—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Lanark.
" 126—St. Andrew, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 128—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.
" 166—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Airdrie.
" 233—Hamilton, Commercial Hotel, Hamilton.
" 354—Caledonian Railway, Cathedral-street, Glasgow.
" 571—Dramatic, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, at 3 p.m.
" 592—Albert Edward, Freemasons' Hall, Polmadie.
" R. A. 87—Shamrock and Thistle, 12 Trongate.
THURSDAY—0—Mother Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, Kilwinning.
" 22—St. John's, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 165—Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.
" 370—County Kilwinning, 8 High-street, Paisley.
" 445—St. Andrew, Garngad-road, Glasgow.
FRIDAY—7—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Hamilton.
" 116—Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
" 135—St. James, Crown Inn, Tarbolton.
" 275—Shamrock and Thistle, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" 360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow
" 459—Kelburne, Cumbrae Hotel, Millport.
SATURDAY—512—Thorntree, School Room Thornliebank, at 7.0.
" 553—St. Vincent, Freemasons' Hall, Dumbarton-road,

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester.—The installation of the respected Grand Secretary for the Province of Essex, Bros. Thos. J. Ralling, as W.M. of this old Lodge, took place at the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Colchester, on Thursday, the 21st June. Bro. Ralling, by the attention he has given to Masonic matters, not only in the Province of Essex, but in the surrounding districts, has gained the goodwill and best wishes of Masons of every grade, and this was testified by the way in which the brethren assembled to witness his induction into the chair. Bro. Matthew E. Clark, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, had kindly promised to act as Installing Master, and after the formal opening of the Lodge, which was presided over by Bro. G. Gard Pye, the announcement was made that the D.P.G.M. was in attendance. A reception committee was immediately formed, and Bro. Clark was introduced, Bro. Pye vacating the chair in his favour. On looking round the Lodge we recognised the following brethren:—Bros. Matthew E. Clark D.P.G.M. Essex, the Rev. Thomas Cochrane W.M. 214 Prov. S.G.W.; J. Terry Sec. R.M.B.I., Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.M. 276 P.P.S.G.W., N. Gluckstein P.M. 51, W. W. Morgan 1385, J. Nicholls P.M. 276, Rev. E. H. Crate W.M. 697, Robert Griggs P.M. 228, H. Sconey W.M. 376, T. R. Elkington 376, W. Clarey W.M., J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Sec., Henry York P.M., Rev. J. P. Britton and S. Lord 433, T. Rix Sec., T. Eustace P.M., F. Wright D.C., F. E. Morris and J. W. Smith 697, J. Stewart, W. C. Bell W.M. and F. G. Green Sec. 1024; and the following members of No. 51:—Bros. G. Gard Pye I.P.M., Past Masters C. O. G. Becker M.D., S. Chaplin P.P.S.G.W., Chas. Cobb P.P.G.S. of W., A. Cobb Treas., Fred. A. Cole P.P.G.R., W. P. Lewis P.G.S.D., A. Welch P.P.J.G.W.; W. H. Ablitt, W. Brightwell, B. Barber, J. T. Browning, J. L. Browne, W. Bray, A. R. Clench, H. H. Elwes, I. Harris, G. Hennemeyer, J. Hanly, D. Hill jun., G. Mercer, W. Richey, W. Rivett, H. Sandford, A. R. Staines, and T. H. Webb. Bro. Clark performed the ceremony in a most effective manner, and on the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted in the three degrees. The investment of officers then took place:—Bros. G. Gard Pye I.P.M., W. S. Sprent S.W., E. Hennemeyer J.W., Alf. Cobb P.M. Treas., John J. C. Turner Secretary, J. Hanly S.D., C. Denton J.D., G. Mercer I.G., W. P. Lewis D.C., W. H Ablitt and D. Hill Stewards, R. E. H. Crate Chaplain, C. Gunner Tyler. On the conclusion of the investiture, and after the addresses had been given, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Matthew E. Clark for his kindness in officiating. After this had been acknowledged, Bro. Gard Pye was complimented on, and thanked for, the services he had rendered the Lodge during the past year. The names of three candidates for initiation were handed in. A vote of thanks was also given to the Mayor of Colchester for the kindness he had displayed in lending the Town Hall for the purposes of the gathering. The customary banquet took place, at the Cups Hotel, and was well served, *a la Russe*. On the removal of the cloth, the Loyal and Masonic toasts received full honours. In giving the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the W.M., Bro. Ralling, said she was endeared to us, not only as our Soverign, but as the Mother of our M.W.G.M.; she was the Patron of all that was good, and an example to us all. The National Anthem was sung, and the W.M. gave the health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. He said: We have done honour to the Ruler of the Land, we now come to the Ruler of the Craft. The late G.M., the Marquis of Ripon, was a most excellent Mason, but the gap caused by his retirement had been well filled up. Bro. Ralling then referred to the Prince's visit to Norfolk, in November last, and expressed a hope that he might be induced to visit Clacton-on-Sea, on the occasion of the inauguration of the Freemasons' Lifeboat to be stationed there. Should the Prince do so, the brethren of the Angel Lodge would do all in their power to make that gathering a success. After the Pro Grand Master Lord Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers past and present, had been duly honoured, the W.M. gave the Provincial Grand Master for Essex the Right Worshipful Bro. R. J. Bagshaw. He regretted the state of health of the Prov. Grand Master prevented his attendance amongst the brethren so often as they could wish, at the same time, not one of those who were present was unmindful of the great services rendered in his day by Bro. Bagshaw. Bro. Matthew E. Clark, in replying for the health of the D.P.G.M. for Essex, and the Provincial Grand Officers past and present, remarked that he was a subscribing member of the Angel Lodge, and it was to him a source of pleasure his being able to instal Bro. Ralling as W.M. As long as he was able, he would do all in his power to promote the interests of Freemasonry throughout the Province of Essex. The health of the W.M. was proposed by the D.P.G.M., in felicitous terms. In responding, Bro. Ralling said that at his initiation he was reminded to reflect upon the peculiar moment when he was made a Mason, but he had found out another peculiar moment that day, he referred to his being installed as W.M. of their old established Lodge. He thanked them for the kind promises of support he had received, and Bro. Clark in particular for his attendance. His acknowledgments were especially due to the Past Masters, from whom he was sure he should receive every assistance. His heart was indeed full of thanks, and he could only promise to do all in his power to show his appreciation of the kind feeling that had been evinced. The toast of the Visitors was given by the I.P.M. Bro. Pye, and acknowledged by Bro. Cochrane. The Charities, by Bro. P.M. Cole, was ably acknowledged by Bro. Jas. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., who gave a most exhaustive *résumé* of what was being done for our three Institutions. The toast of the I.P.M. and the P.M.'s was entrusted to Bro. Sprent, who, throughout, expressed himself in manly and straightforward terms. Bro. Pye, in responding, thanked all present for the way in which the toast had been given and received. He spoke of his Stewardship at the approaching Festival of the Boys' School, and forcibly urged the claims of that Institution. Bro. P.M. Welch, in a humorous speech, proposed the health of the Wardens and other officers. Bro. Sprent replied most ably; and was followed by Bro. Hennemeyer. The musical brethren—Bros. T. M. Bear, W. Brightwell, S. Chaplain, D. Hill jun., A. R. Staines, T. H. Webb, with Bros. J. J. C. Turner, and Winterbon—who, throughout the evening, had exerted themselves most effectively to enliven the proceedings, having received due honour, the Tyler was called, and the brethren dispersed shortly afterwards.

Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541.—The last time we recorded the doings of this young Lodge we were compelled to say that the surroundings were not of a promising character. It was winter time, and a wintry cloud indeed then hung over the fortunes of the Alexandra Palace. How different the aspect of affairs on Saturday last, the 23rd inst. A brilliant summer's day, and all about the Palace were signs of well-doing and prosperity. The Lodge was opened at two o'clock in the afternoon, by the W.M. G. Kelly King, who was supported by Bros. G. J. Palmer S.W., E. M. Haigh J.W., John Dyte Treas., J. R. Stacey Sec., J. Lee S.D., W. S. Daniel J.D., James J. Chapman I.G., and C. T. Speight Tyler. The attendance of the members was all that could be desired, and the following were present as Visitors: Bros. Brown S.G.W. Monmouthshire, J. H. Swan, J. U. Spence, Walter Wood, Allen, M. D. Loewenstark, A. E. Taylor, W. W. Morgan, &c. On glancing at the summons it was apparent there was work to be done, and the remark was made that the agenda was an exceptionally heavy one. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for Mr. Henry J. Kimbell; it resulted in that gentleman's favour, and he, with Mr. Richard Simmonds, were initiated into the mysteries of our Order, Bro. J. R. Stacey, at the request of the W.M., working the ceremony in his accustomed painstaking and impressive manner. The candidate for passing, Bro. Wheeler, next presented himself, and underwent examination as to his proficiency. His replies were satisfactory, and in due course he was advanced to the second degree. There were three candidates on the list for raising—Brothers Ward, Rubinstein, and Lever; they were successful in passing the necessary examination. The Lodge was opened in the third, and the sublime degree was wrought in their behalf, Bro. Stacey conducting the ceremony in a manner that gave the greatest satisfaction to each brother who was present. It may be remarked that Bro. Stacey had, indeed, well borne the burden of the day's proceedings, but the W.M., ever zealous as a Masonic worker, had promised to instal his successor, and for that purpose he now resumed the chair. Bro. G. J. Palmer, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. P.M. Dyte, and answered the usual questions. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and he was inducted into the chair of King Solomon. On the admission of the brethren, the salutations were given, and the officers invested as follow:—Bros. E. M. Haigh S.W., J. Lee J.W., Dyte P.M. Treas., J. R. Stacey P.M. Secretary, W. S. Daniels (the first Initiate of the Lodge) S.D., James J. Chapman J.D., Larchin I.G., Kensington D.C., and Rowland Steward. Bro. Speight was unanimously re-elected Tyler. Bro. King gave the addresses, in a very effective manner. Communications were read from two members of the Lodge, whose engagements prevented their regular attendance; each requested to be transferred from the list of full members to that of country members. On this being put to the brethren, it received the sanction of the Lodge, and the Secretary was requested to communicate the result. Several propositions, both for joining and initiation, were handed in. Bro. Palmer, the new W.M., then rose, and in a speech, brief and well to the point, presented the retiring W.M., Bro. George Kelly King, with an elegant Past Master's jewel. After this had been suitably acknowledged, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a capital banquet, served by Bros. Bertram and Roberts. Bro. Palmer presided, and gave the regular toasts, Loyal and Masonic. As there were no Grand Officers present, the name of Bro. Brown, S.G.W. of Monmouthshire, was associated with the health of the Grand Officers Present and Past. Bro. Brown, in the course of his reply, said it was with no empty form of words he wished to thank them for the reception he had met with. Provincial Grand Officers were always proud at being called upon to respond to this toast, at the same time they were perfectly content to sit at the feet of those who were so competent to teach; he, individually, felt utterly unable to rise to the occasion. He spoke of the high popularity the Alexandra Palace Lodge had already obtained, and referred to their first Worshipful Master Bro. J. C. Parkinson's connection with South Wales. He concluded his remarks by again thanking the brethren for the kindness they had exhibited. Bro. King proposed the health of the W.M., who, he stated, had always been a very popular man; this the present gathering amply testified. He was, indeed, to him a very old friend, and one whom he respected, not only as a man but as a Mason. It afforded him the greatest gratification to see him in his present exalted position; he was calculated in every way to advance the interests of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, and he thought all would agree with him (Bro. King) that they had got the right man in the right place, and that Bro. Palmer was one who would not act too much on the impulse of the moment, but would devote ample thought to all matters brought before him. Bro. Palmer, who on rising was enthusiastically received, said that he was almost at a loss for words to express his thanks for the exceedingly kind and earnest manner in which he had been received that evening. The brethren had taken him somewhat upon trust, but he sincerely hoped they would not find they had made a bad bargain. If a firm desire on his part to gain their good opinion would avail, he was sure to succeed. He might describe this as one of his bad days; he found he wanted to say a great deal, but somehow he did not get on. However, he was not one to make many promises, and he would prefer to be judged by them this time twelve months. The other toasts comprised the P.M.'s, replied to by Bro. King; the Visitors, by Bros. Allen and Walter Wood; the Initiates, the Officers, &c. During the evening there were some good songs rendered, Bro. Ward deserving special

mention. After the Tyler's toast had been given, the brethren adjourned to the grounds, where an interesting display of fireworks took place.

Council of Red Cross Knights, No. 73, met in St. Marks Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, 19th June. D. Gilchrist President, J. Balfour S.G., J. O. Park J.G., G. W. Wheeler Scribe, J. Bannerman T., Wm. Howden 1st Capt., W. Pitt 2nd Capt., when Comps. G. Fisher, R. MacPherson, R. McLeod, J. Tannahill, and M. Jamison, of Chapter 112, Wm. McGregor, Angus Nicholson, and W. Pitt, of 73, and McMurer, of Chapter 83, were introduced and created Knights of the same, and thereafter Knights of the East and West, and then Princes of Jerusalem, the whole of the degrees were ably worked.

Lodge of Hope, No. 433.—The annual Festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated at Brightlingsea, Essex, on Monday last, by the brethren of Lodge of Hope, No. 433, when there was a full attendance of members and visitors. The only business upon the agenda was the installation of the W.M. elect; but, previous to the retiring W.M. quitting the chair, a ceremony of an equally interesting character took place. The Vicar of the Parish, who sat in the chair of J.W., stepped forward, and, in the name of the members, begged the retiring W.M., Bro. Clarey, to accept a handsome P.M.'s jewel and a beautifully illuminated vellum, as a small token of the esteem in which he was held by them all. In the course of a few pertinent remarks, Bro. the Rev. A. Pertwee alluded to the kindly and efficient way in which Bro. Clarey had carried out the duties of the chair, and laid special stress upon the fact that, for the twenty-fourth time he had been elected to the post of Treasurer to the Lodge. That, in itself, clearly showed the respect in which he was held, but the brethren had determined that they would give some more tangible proof of this than mere words, and he therefore begged to place the jewel upon Bro. Clarey's breast, with the hope that he might live many years to wear it. (Applause). Bro. Clarey, in responding, said this presentation had come upon him so by surprise—he had not the remotest idea of it when he entered that room—and the expressions that had been made use of by Bro. Pertwee were so kindly, that he felt quite overpowered. He need hardly assure them, however, that he should value their gift most highly, not merely for its intrinsic worth, but for the feelings of good fellowship which had prompted it. He thanked them all from the bottom of his heart. The inscription on the jewel was as follows:—"Presented to Bro. Wm. Clarey, P.M., by the members of the Lodge of Hope, No. 433. June 1877." The illuminated address was as follows:—"Presented to Bro. Wm. Clarey, P.M., by the brethren of the Lodge of Hope, No. 433, Brightlingsea, a P.M. Jewel, as a small token of their esteem and regard, and of their appreciation of his valuable services as Treasurer of the Lodge for the past twenty-three years. Festival of St. John, June 1877." The illuminated address, which was to a similar effect, was the work of the W.M. elect, and was greatly admired, a special vote of thanks being passed to him for executing the same. Bro. A. E. Rogers, the W.M. elect, was then duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed in his usual efficient manner by Bro. J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Sec. P.P.G.A.D.C. Essex. The officers were invested as follow:—Bros. W. Clarey I.P.M., Rev. A. Pertwee S.W., W. S. Ling J.W., W. Clarey P.M. Treas., J. E. Wiseman P.M. Sec., R. C. Athile S.D., John Dean J.D., J. Skinner I.G., T. Wilson Tyler. At the close of the Lodge business, forty-one brethren sat down to a most excellently-served knife-and-fork tea, at the Swan, the catering of the hostess, Mrs. Harmer, giving great satisfaction. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and an hour or so of hearty social enjoyment was spent. Among those present on the occasion were—Bros. Thos. J. Ralling P.G. Sec. and W.M. of Angel Lodge No. 51, A. R. Clench P.P.S.G.W. and I.P.M. 697, Rev. E. H. Crate P.P.G. Chaplain, W.M. 697, James Nicholls P.M. and Sec. 276, Thomas Rise P.M. and Sec. 697, T. Eustace P.M. 697, C. J. Waters, E. Hennemeyer J.W. 51, F. Wright D.C. 697, C. Winterbon 697, C. Gunner Tyler 51, and the following members of No. 433, besides those already named:—P.M.'s Bros. W. Bishop, W. G. Walford, H. York, G. Riches, C. Blyth, W. Minter; Bros. J. P. Britton,— Jeffries, W. Coppin, Frank Eagle, J. Closson, A. Brasch, A. Pudney, H. Foulger, S. Lord, J. Fance, &c., &c.

Scarsdale Lodge, No. 681, Chesterfield.—The brethren of this Lodge will, at their next meeting, to be held in August, assemble in their new Lodge Room, which is in course of erection in Saltergate, Chesterfield, in connection with the new building of the East Derbyshire Club. The Lodge hitherto has been held in the large room at the Scarsdale Hotel, and all the inconveniences of not having a room exclusively for Masonic purposes have been experienced. In the new premises the Freemasons of Chesterfield will have a suite of rooms entirely devoted to their use, besides possessing one of the largest and most spacious Lodge-rooms in the Province of Derbyshire.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. The weekly meeting of the above took place on Tuesday, 26th June, at 7.30. Bro. Dallas W.M., E. T. Worsley S.W. and Sec., Saunders J.W., Davies S.D., Lorkin J.D., Saunders 860 I.G., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Perrin, Webster, Hunt 1662, &c. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. J. Smith acting as candidate. Bro. Worsley worked the 2nd, 3rd and 4th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hunt, of the Beaconsfield Lodge 1662, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Worsley was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, but he will give way to Bro. Davies, a promising young member, who has never yet taken the chair. We hope there will be a good attendance. A unanimous vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Dallas for the able manner in which he had worked the ceremony; this to be entered on the minutes. We must say we were very pleased to find Bro. Dallas correct; with a little more practice, he will be all that can be desired; the Preceptor deservedly spoke in flattering terms of him. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned till Tuesday next, 3rd July, at 7.30. We noticed Bro. Perrin assisted the Secretary during the time he was holding the office of S.W.; this assistance enables Bro. Worsley, who is a most enthusiastic Mason, to work in any office that may be open to him.

Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 981.—The members of this Lodge have recently appointed Bro. P.M. Turquand their Preceptor, and have determined to hold meetings for instruction every week throughout the year. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on Wednesday, the 4th July next, in a commodious room at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Poplar, commencing at 7 o'clock precisely. The following brethren will take part in the proceedings, and a cordial welcome will be given to those who may honour the Lodge with their company on that occasion. Bros. Barnes P.M. No. 933 W.M., Austin P.M. No. 933 S.W., Hallett W.M. No. 781 J.W., Turquand (Preceptor) P.M. No. 1556 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Jesse No. 1556, Harvey No. 174, Ould I.G. No. 781, Livermore No. 554, L. Turquand No. 1556, Andrews I.G. No. 1227, Austin P.M. No. 933. Second Lecture—Bros. Godwin J.W. No. 343, Hogg P.M. No. 1349, Berry W.M. No. 554, Ives No. 781, Lux No. 781. Third Lecture—Bros. Hallett W.M. No. 781, Myers P.M. No. 1445, Cohen W.M. No. 205.

St. Mungo Encampment Knights Templar.—A Special meeting was held on Wednesday, 6th June, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving two aspirants from the Thetis Chapter. Comps. Alex. MacDougal P.M. of the Neptune Lodge 419, and William Brown of Ceylon. The Encampment was opened by Sir Knight Robert Bell Past Commander, G. W. Wheeler Prelate, J. A. Ferguson Treas. as Generalissimo, J. Tweed Marshal, J. B. Fleming 1st Capt., Jas. Humm 2nd Capt., M. Mairer Warden, and J. Peirston Sentinel. At the close of the ceremony, a Priory of Knights of Malta was opened and the same two gentlemen were inducted into that degree by Sir Knight R. Bell, the Prior.

Royal Ark Mariners Lodge.—This Lodge met at 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, 19th June. Bros. J. Balfour F.N. presiding, J. Parks S., J. Kay J., G. W. Wheeler Scribe, J. Bannerman Treasurer. Applications for admission on board were received from Comps. G. Fisher, R. C. McLeod, A. MacPherson, James Tannahill, and M. C. Jamison, all of Chapter 112. They were duly received, and fully instructed by Comp. Balfour.

FUNERAL LODGE.

THE Commercial Lodge, No. 360, having recently lost their I.M.P. Bro. Dr. A. Morton, on Wednesday, 20th inst., held a Funeral Lodge to his memory. Their own hall, which was appropriately draped, was filled by the members and others desirous of paying this sad tribute to departed worth. Amongst the visitors were the following members of Prov. G.L., of which the deceased was J.W., viz., J. Gilles Treas., G. Sinclair Treas. of Benevolent Fund, J. Balfour P.G.D. of C., T. Halkett D. of M., and J. Jack J.; also Bros. J. Peters I.P.M. 153, P.G.J.W. of Renfrewshire East, J. Kinnaird, R.W.M. of 73, with Bros. McLeod and J. W. Kay his Wardens, Mills Chaplain of St. Mirren 129 Paisley. J. Anderson I.P.M. 370 Paisley, J. M. Cosh R.W.M 135 Tarbolton, W. Neilson R.W.M. 413, J. Miller P.M. 413, and J. Ferguson I.P.M. 543. There was a very efficient choir, organised by Bro. R. Brodie, the Lodge Director of Music, and Bro. Pentland presided at the harmonium. On the entrance of the R.W.M. the "Dead March in Saul" was played. Bro. John Munro R.W.M. then opened the Lodge, he was supported by P.M. J. Dawson, Allan MacKenzie and Jules Brodie. J. M. Oliver D.M. occupied the post of S.W., R. Reid J.W., W. Keller S.D.; J. M. Duncan was an effective Director of the Ceremonies. The Rev. D. M, Corquodale Chaplain. The beautiful Funeral Service was given in that impressive style which at all times distinguishes Bro. Munro's work. The Chaplain afterwards gave an oration, in which he dwelt on the many excellent qualities that had distinguished our Bro., who for 40 years had been an eminent and honourable member of the medical profession, were he had contrived to make most of his patients his friends, by his kind and genial manner; this had also distinguished him in his Masonic career, where either as member of the Craft or a ruler, he had always acted on the square, and so as to prepare him for the Grand Lodge above. He had just recently been rewarded by the office of P.G.J.W., but he believed he was now gone to his greater and final reward for an active useful life. Amongst those present was the deceased's brother, W.M. of Lodge St. George No. 333, and his nephew, who is a member of Lodge Commercial 360.

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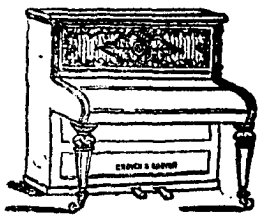

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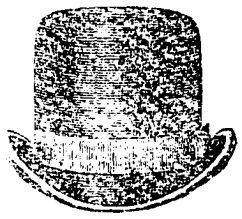

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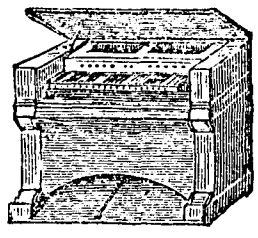

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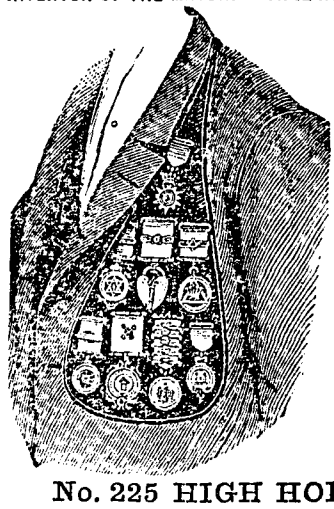

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