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OF PROPOSING CANDIDATES.

STRICT constitutional Masons are oftentimes perturbed in the spirit by the laxity with which many of our laws are observed. The letter of the law may be broken perhaps but seldom, but undoubtedly the spirit is frequently set at naught. Early this year an appeal was made to Grand Lodge as to the powers and privileges of a Master, and the Grand Registrar, in his ruling as to the merits of the case, took occasion to exhort the brethren not to insist on a too strictly literal interpretation of the law, but rather to act in accordance with its spirit. In the case we are about to argue, we fear both the letter and the spirit of the Constitutions are violated, and this not occasionally, but frequently; not wilfully perhaps, yet deliberately, either through careless interpretation or ignorance of what the Constitution provides.

The law as to proposing candidates for initiation into Freemasonry is so clearly stated that, to use a familiar phrase, he who runs may read. It is thus worded: "No person shall be made a mason without a regular proposition at one lodge, and a ballot at the next regular lodge; which shall not take place unless his name, addition or profession, and place of abode, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons." Equally clear is the provision made for one exceptional class of cases. We read, in the paragraph immediately following the one we have just quoted: "In cases of emergency, the following alteration is allowed. Any two members of a lodge may transmit in writing to the master the name, &c., of any candidate they may wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency: and the master, if it be proper, shall notify the same to every member of his lodge; either in the summons for the next regular meeting, or in a summons for a lodge of emergency, to meet at a period of not less than seven days from the issuing of the summons for the purpose of balloting for the candidate; and if the candidate be then approved, he may be initiated into the first degree. The master shall, previous to the ballot being taken, cause the proposition, and emergency, to be recorded in the minute-book of the lodge." Clearly the object of the former of these laws is to secure that unworthy candidates shall not be "rushed" into Freemasonry. For this reason it is laid down that every one desirous of being made a Mason shall be duly proposed and seconded at one regular meeting of the lodge and balloted for at the next regular meeting. By this arrangement a full month is allowed for the proper inquiries to be made into a candidate's fitness or unfitness, and this preliminary requirement having been satisfied, the candidate may then be balloted for and, if approved, initiated into the first degree. The object of the latter law is to meet emergent cases. It rests entirely with the Master to determine the merits of the emergency as submitted to him, but assuming that he accepts the reason or reasons, all he has to do is to notify the same to every member of his lodge, either in the summons for the next regular meeting or in a summons for a lodge of emergency, seven days at least clapsing between the issue of the summons and the meeting of the lodge, in order to allow of the necessary inquiries being made. The candidate is then balloted for, and, if approved, initiated into the first degree; but previous to the ballot, the master must cause the proposition and the emergency to be entered in the minute book. Dr. Oliver remarks as to these cases of emergency, that "many of our Lodges work upon the exception rather than the rule," but he subsequently expresses a doubt

"whether, in the event of a complaint to the Board of General Purposes, that body would not discountenance the innovation by a censure on the Master, who ought not to allow any such measure, except under the pressure of necessity." But passing from what is mere matter of opinion or conjecture to matters of fact. We ask our readers whether it is not within their knowledge, that, setting aside the exception as by law provided, the law as to the proposition and election or rejection of candidates is not continually violated? We feel sure they will endorse our statement that cases are constantly happening in which a candidate is proposed and balloted for at one and the same general meeting, the only notice being that which is contained in the summons issued seven days previously. Our readers must be well aware that our invitations, which, in the majority of cases, take the form of an ordinary Lodge summons, to be present at the meetings of different Lodges, are very numerous—indeed, we oftentimes find it impossible to accept the courtesies extended to us. We are, therefore, not speaking without chapter and verse when we say that the law as to the proposal of and ballot for candidates at pp. 83-84 of the Constitutions is openly and continually broken—not, we feel convinced, from any *malice prepense*, any sense of indiscipline in the Lodges thus acting, or any wanton disregard of the ordinances of our Society; but from a lax administration of the law, a sense of carelessness, perhaps, as to the duty of being particular, or, perchance, from a feeling of necessity against the admission of unworthy members. We were present, some weeks since, at a chance gathering of members of different Lodges, when this law and the laxity with which it is administered was discussed at some length. It was distinctly stated that it was the regular practice in many Lodges for the names of candidates for initiation to be first made known to members in the usual summons to attend at the next meeting. They were then formally proposed and balloted for, and, if approved, initiated. One or two who were present even went the length of defending the practice, though they were forced to admit that the law as laid down was violated by its adoption. A question was asked, in the course of the argument, as to why a candidate should be kept waiting a whole month? or, as it might happen, for close on two months or even longer? It was admitted, of course, that in exceptional instances there might be a certain amount of hardship, but unless a real case of emergency can be made out, this hardship is unavoidable. The law is clear and emphatic on the point—"no person shall be made a Mason without a regular proposition at one Lodge, and a ballot at the next regular Lodge"—and any other mode of proposing and balloting for a candidate must be in direct violation, both of the letter and spirit of the law. Now that Freemasonry is so popular with all classes of the community, it is more than ever necessary that our Constitutions should be observed. At the last meeting of Grand Lodge, the Board of General Purposes reported that a brother had been raised at an interval of twenty-five days from the date of his having been passed, and that the Lodge in which this occurred had been fined one guinea, and admonished to be more careful in future. The report was adopted. Now, in this instance, the letter of the law had been violated, for we read at p. 86, §7, "Nor shall a higher degree be conferred on any brother at a less interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous degree." Yet it is equally manifest the spirit of the law had not been broken. The interval of four weeks is intended in order to enable a brother to make such further

progress in Freemasonry as will justify the Lodge in conferring upon him a higher degree, and no one will be so mad as to affirm that a brother could not make that further progress in the science as well in twenty-five as in twenty-eight days. If, however, the Board of General Purposes, in order to vindicate the majesty of the law, considered it incumbent on them to impose a penalty and administer an admonition, for so trivial an error as raising a brother after a twenty-five instead of a twenty-eight days' interval, *a fortiori* and in strict justice, ought a commensurate penalty and admonition to follow in cases where a candidate is proposed, balloted for, and initiated at one meeting, when the members have had only seven days' notice of his candidature. Of course, the Board of General Purposes cannot be expected to deal with any question until it is formally brought under their notice, nor have we any desire that a Lodge in which the practice we have stated has prevailed, or does prevail, should be fined and admonished. We firmly believe the Masters who allow this practice to prevail do so conscientiously, and in accordance with what they find to be the custom, and believe to be the law as prescribed. But when there is a flagrant inconsistency between the law as prescribed and the law as administered, it is time, we think, that some steps should be taken either to vindicate or modify our Constitutions. It may be said that seven days are as sufficient for all purposes of inquiry as twenty-eight, or for the matter of that, as seventy. This may or may not be so, if the inquiries can be made. But the law requires a reasonable interval to elapse between the proposition and the ballot, and a seven days' notice is unreasonably short. Some members may be absent from home when their notices arrive, or their engagements may prevent them attending the duties of the Lodge; and among those who are thus circumstanced may be some who have good grounds for opposing the candidature. There is, then, in Lodges where so short an interval is allowed, no slight danger of objectionable candidates being, as we have said, "rushed" into Freemasonry, and it is certainly our duty to prevent, this if possible. We close our remarks for the present, but we should like to have the opinions of our readers on the subject.

MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 42.)

OUR PERIPATETIC BROTHER.

"Eternal blessings crown my earliest friend,
And round his dwelling guardian saints attend!
Blest be that spot, where cheerful guests retire
To pause from toil, and trim their evening fire!
Blest that abode, where want and pain repair,
And every stranger finds a ready chair!
Blest be those feasts, with simple plenty crown'd,
Where all the ruddy family around
Laugh at the jests or pranks that never fail,
Or sigh with pity at some mournful tale;
Or press the bashful stranger to his food,
And learn the luxury of doing good!"

A SKILFUL portrait painter is not content with merely reproducing on canvas the exact form and features of whom he is called upon to delineate. His main purpose is necessarily to mark with accuracy the salient points by which his subject is characterised. But in doing this he is permitted—we may go further, and say, that by the very nature of his art, he is expected—on the one hand, to heighten the effect of what is admirable, while, on the other, he keeps in the background or tones down whatever may detract from the general merit of the picture. In other words, the likeness should be a pleasing as well as an accurate one. It is, indeed, this skill in the manipulation of details, by which they are made to harmonise well together, which constitutes the true artist. Thus a bodily defect should be hidden by a careful arrangement of the draperies, and ungainliness overcome by an easy posture of the body, while a face which is ordinarily stern and repellent should be softened and made attractive. We are not so vain as to lay claim to any particular skill in word painting. Yet, knowing as we do, the essentials of a good pictorial sketch, we do our best by the adoption of similar means to bring about results, equally effective, in these pen-and-ink sketches. It is obviously, indeed, no duty of ours to parade a brother's defects before our readers. We are not denying that he has his imperfections because we do

not publicly proclaim them. On the contrary, we are acting in the true spirit of Freemasonry when, as far as is consistent with justice, we make the most of his virtues, and are silent as to his weaknesses. We have made these preliminary observations in the hope that our readers will not mistake that for flattery which is, in fact, neither more nor less than a just tribute of praise.

There are few brethren who enjoy a higher reputation for ability, energy, and zeal in the cause of Freemasonry, than the subject of our present sketch, few more gifted to enlighten and please in the social circle, few who, in the business of life, have more faithfully, or more ably, discharged the trust reposed in them. It is not, perhaps, surprising that, as the years roll on, a man should exhibit an increasing amount of skill in the calling he has chosen to follow, or that his employers should repose an increasing confidence in his integrity, when they find that, with each fresh duty entrusted to him to fulfil, he more than justifies their trust. Our worthy brother has laboured assiduously and conscientiously in the various important positions he has held. He has spared no pains or labour when the interests of his employers were in question, while, at the same time, he has diligently maintained that independence which characterises honourable men. This is all the more creditable to him, seeing that, in these days, the spirit of sycophancy is abroad, and people are more ready than formerly to fall down and worship the golden image which Mammon has set up. Rich employers are worse even than Shylock. They will have their bond, and something over; and too often it happens that the ministers yield implicitly and unhesitatingly what is demanded of them.

But, while we are thus enabled to dispose of his business avocations in a few sentences, how shall we find it possible to convey to our readers an adequate idea of the vast services he has rendered in connection with Freemasonry? Many Craftsmen have occupied higher positions, it may be in this or in that branch of Freemasonry, but it has been given to few to attain such eminence in all the branches. Were we to attempt to give a complete record of his Masonic achievements, the mere enumeration of his honours would be found to occupy a moderately-sized pamphlet. In Craft Masonry, he has more than once filled the chair of his Lodge in this and sister jurisdictions. He is one of the best authorities on all constitutional questions, having made it his especial business to study the laws and regulations of our society. Indeed, in the abstruser points of the law, there are few whose opinion is more trustworthy, and to whom, therefore, we should be more inclined to refer the settlement of doubtful questions. In Royal Arch Masonry, he has attained an equal degree of eminence, and his views on all matters pertaining to the government of our crimson Lodges or Chapters are equally authoritative. In Mark Masonry, he has achieved still higher distinction, having served the office of Grand Junior Warden of England. When the union took place between the Lodges holding under the Grand Chapter of Scotland and those under the Grand Mark Lodge of England, our brother held the honourable office of D. Prov. G.M. of Lancashire under the Scotch Constitution, and was one of the warmest promoters of that auspicious event which has since proved so fruitful of good to Mark Masonry. Moreover, for the last two years he has been one of the brethren nominated by the Grand Mark Master Mason to serve on the General Committee. As an able exponent of the science of Mark Masonry, and one of those most deeply versed in all its mysteries, he is frequently called upon to play a leading part on such occasions as the consecration of a new Lodge. It is only a month or two since he figured prominently at the installation of the first W.M. of the Duke of Connaught Mark Lodge, No. 199, and it is needless to say his interpretation of the impressive ceremony was as near perfection as possible. In the Order of the Temple in Scotland, he holds the rank of a Knight Commander. In the Masonic and Military Order of Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, he is an Intendant General of Division unattached. He is a past Chief Adept of a Rosicrucian College, and has taken all the degrees in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, to the thirtieth. He is a Past Master of the Order of St. Lawrence, and in the Royal Order of Scotland is Deputy Grand Master of the Province of Lancashire and Cheshire. In Scotland he has seven years fulfilled the duties of Grand Steward, is a Past G.S. Warden of Aberdeenshire East, and has taken the thirty-first degree in the Scottish Supreme Council of the Ancient and Ac-

cepted Rite. He has likewise had conferred upon him the honorary rank of a Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Greece. There is, indeed, hardly a Masonic Order, be it pure and ancient Craft Masonry, Royal Arch, Mark, or any other, with which he is not connected, and in which he has not had conferred upon him one or more honours in token of his skill and ability. We all know it is far from being a light matter to work the three degrees in Craft Masonry, and to interpret them skilfully as well as accurately. But here we have a brother who is proficient in well-nigh all the degrees of Freemasonry, with what branch soever they may be connected. He can not only do with ease whatever is required of the Master of a Craft Lodge, be it an initiation, a passing, a raising, or an installation, he can instal a Mark Master, or consecrate a Mark Lodge. He is ready at any moment to work, and quite at home in working, almost every other known Masonic ceremony, be it the consecration of a Provincial College of the Rosicrucian Society and the installation of the Chief Adept, the consecration of a new Council of Royal and Select Masters, or the Installation of a Worshipful Master of the Order of St. Lawrence. By reason of his firmness, suavity, and knowledge of the Ritual, he is an admirable President of a Lodge, Chapter, Conclave, Council, or other body. He is, in short, one of those few members of the Masonic Society to whom we may rightly attribute the very highest degree of culture. He is not only an officer of marked ability, but he is likewise a learned Masonic juriconsult, and one deeply versed in all the mysteries of symbolic Masonry. He is indebted for much of the knowledge he possesses to his great natural ability, and the advantages of a sound classical training, but not to these alone. A singularly retentive memory, the power to grasp at once, and, as it were, by intuition, the inner and occult significance of an important ceremony, and, superadded to these, the ability to follow closely and consistently even the most intricate argument—to these he is still more indebted than even to his early and admirable scholastic training. A few years since, he frequently took part in the discussion in the columns of the *Masonic Journal* of the day of the most abstruse and subtle questions. We frequently, in turning over the pages of former Craft Journals, light upon some essay of his, or some minor contribution in the shape of a letter, written for the purpose of elucidating some difficult point, and we readily admit there is nothing we have read of his which has not materially increased the sum of our knowledge. Thus he has earned for himself a high reputation, not only within the precincts of the Lodge, but also outside them, as an able expositor of our laws and mysteries,—so far as these latter may properly be discussed in the Masonic press.

But his claims to the love and respect of our readers do not rest on this foundation alone, magnificent as it undoubtedly is. He has been, throughout his connection with our Society, a most eager student, and one of the most brilliant exponents of our system; but this is far from representing the whole of his achievements. As a supporter of our Charitable Institutions, he has laboured hard and successfully in their behalf. He is more than a Life Governor of both the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and has served the office of Steward for one or other of them—but more frequently for the former—some five or six times. He is, likewise, at the present time a Steward for the Festival next year of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. That the heavy claims upon his time have not allowed him to act more frequently is most probable; that he has never lost the opportunity of actively supporting or advocating their cause is beyond all possibility of question. It was but the other day, indeed, when, in the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, it became his duty to occupy the chair at the meeting of the Lancashire and Cheshire Provincial Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland, that he took upon himself to make a most earnest appeal to those present to support our magnificent Institutions, and the appeal was not in vain. More recently still he has been heard excogitating some plan by which the benefits conferred by our several Institutions might be supplemented and extended, through the aid of other Masonic organisations. It is, in fact, a duty, in the fulfilment of which he takes the utmost pride, to bring on the carpet at all seasonable times the claims of these Charities to our ever-increasing support. The duty is always well and gracefully performed, and his appeal is seldom unattended by one or more promises, more or less satisfactory.

We have now described him briefly, yet sufficiently, as

the trusty and capable minister of one of our firms of merchant princes, as well as fully, yet insufficiently, in his Masonic capacity. It remains for us to say a few words more, and our portrait is finished. Let us for once in the way depart from that excellent custom we have so steadfastly observed from the very beginning of these series of sketches. Let us present him to our readers such as we find him at the festive board, in quiet, homely converse, or at those informal weekly gatherings, when the hours pass all too quickly in abstruse definitions, in merry jests, or playful narratives. On these occasions is it we learn to appreciate him most fully.

"A merrier man,
Within the limit of becoming mirth,
I never spent an hour's talk withal:
His eye begets occasion for his wit;
For every object that the one doth catch,
The other turns to a mirth-moving jest:
Which his fair tongue (conceit's expositor)
Delivers in such apt and gracious words,
That aged ears play truant at his tales,
And younger hearings are quite ravished;
So sweet and voluble is his discourse."

Where shall be found a more admirable chairman to preside at any board, but especially where there is, in greatest abundance, "the feast of reason and the flow of soul?" Where is there a more genial companion, a kindlier neighbour, a trustier or more unselfish counsellor, a truer or more faithful friend? We may travel the country through, for many a day's march, and not find one so diligent in fulfilling the stern duties of life, and yet so ready, like a very Counsellor Pleydell, to play high jinks, and enjoy himself, the while he is the cause of enjoyment in others; or one in whom the higher qualities of the mind are more conspicuous by their presence than are the faults and failings of the heart by their absence. Such a one as this has troops of friends, and each of them, we dare venture to affirm, will proclaim our brother, in the words of Shakspeare, as

"The dearest friend to me, the kindest man,
The best-condition'd and unwearied spirit
In doing courtesies."

And, saying this, we wish him God speed in all his undertakings.

SELF-SUPPORTING HOSPITALS FOR THE WORKING CLASSES.

IT is a mere truism to say that what interests the community at large must of necessity interest the Masonic and any other section of it. All classes of society are so mutually dependent the one on the other, that what affects any among them, be it prosperously or adversely, must affect all the others. Thus, if we take the medical, which is one of the noblest and most beneficent of the professions, we find they have no separate interests of their own to subserve. They do their duty according to their ability, and they prosper or are unprosperous according as the rest of the commonwealth is able or unable to remunerate their services justly. But when we find members of this particular profession devoting a considerable portion of their time and skill to benefit certain classes who can, but do not, compensate them for their trouble, it is high time, we consider, the matter should be brought prominently under the notice of the 'public. The truth is, the system of gratuitous medical and surgical aid is more grossly abused than ever, and notably by those who have no reasonable apology to offer for the abuse of which they are guilty. Working men, in the receipt of excellent wages, never for one moment hesitate, in a case of illness, to consult the house physician or surgeon of the nearest hospital. It never occurs to them, in return for the advice they receive, to offer anything in the shape of a money equivalent. When they and their families are hungry and thirsty, they betake themselves to the provision dealer and buy their meat and drink, that is, they part with some of their earnings in order to procure the wherewith to sustain life; but it never occurs to them it is equally their duty to pay for the means whereby they and their families may escape death. The medical practitioner's capital is his ability to cure disease, and this ability is only acquired after the expenditure of a considerable sum of money, and the devotion of several

years to a severe and long course of study. This capital is like the algebraic symbol x , which stands for an unknown quantity, whereas the capital of a grocer or haberdasher is represented by a known quantity, that is, by the market value of the commodities in which he deals. It is, perhaps, for this reason that, whereas a working man would never expect to receive a loaf of bread or a pint of beer without payment, he does expect to receive gratuitously the benefit of a medical practitioner's skill. We are glad, however, to find that a determined stand against such monstrous injustice is about to be made. We have before us a scheme for establishing a "self-supporting Eye Hospital for the Working Classes," the main principle of which will be that all who seek relief from it shall contribute according to their means, so that the able medical staff who may give their services shall not go unrewarded. A leader in this admirable movement is one who is known to, and respected by, all our readers, a man of eminence in his profession, who for seven and twenty years has given his services to the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, and in the whole of that lengthened period has never received even so much as a vote of thanks, much less any emolument, for his services. The surgeon we allude to is none other than Bro. Jabez Hogg, and we sincerely hope he may find sufficient spirit among the public, and especially among the affluent working men, to ensure the success of his efforts. We cannot, for the life of us, understand why a medical man should give his services gratuitously to those who can afford to pay for them. We have it, on the authority of the Earl of Shaftesbury, that the wage-earning classes in this country make, in the aggregate, the sum of £400,000,000 per annum. Why, then, we ask, should these classes deliberately withhold payment of medical fees, especially when they are never at a loss for money to gratify their pleasure? There is not a physician or surgeon in the whole of the United Kingdom who is not willing to make any sacrifice in his power to relieve the deserving poor; but it is exacting too much of them when men who are able to pay look to receive the benefit of their services without payment. "The labourer," even though he be a medical man of ability and experience, "is worthy of his hire."

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

THE Annual meeting was held at the New Town Hall, Twickenham, on Friday the 13th July 1877.

The New Town Hall is a most handsome elegant and spacious building, and was kindly lent for the purpose by C. J. Freake Esq., who with great liberality placed the building at the service of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and must have put himself to much trouble and expense in completing the building for that day.

Prior to the opening of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Francis Burdett Mark Lodge, No. 181, was opened, and the ceremony of advancement was duly rehearsed.

At three o'clock the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form. The officers present were—The R.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, the V.W. the Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master Bro. F. Davison, E. Simpson P.M., P.G.M.O., Col. W. Wigginton P.G.S.O., Chas. Pulman P.G.J.O., C. Hammerton Treas., W. G. Brighten Sec., J. M. Klench Registrar, E. B. Bright Supt. Works, J. B. Shackleton D.C., H. Court Sword Bearer, W. Taylor Standard Bearer, R. P. Spice and R. Davies Stewards; while among the numerous brethren present were Lieut.-General J. O. Brownrigg P.G.W. and W.M. of the New Mark Lodge, the Studholme, No. 197, Sir Chas. T. Bright (7), Rev. Ambrose W. Hall Chaplain No. 7, Rev. Thos. Cochrane J.D. No. 7, E. Passawer M.O. (5), A. W. Hume J.W. (5), J. Kirke S.O. (13), Thos. J. Puley J.W. (51) Prov. G.S.B. Hampshire, Alfred Clark W.M. (7), Geo. Yaxley W.M. (198), Raymond H. Thrupp P.G.W. and J. Tomlinson W.M., with officers and brethren of the Francis Burdett Mark Lodge.

The minutes of the previous meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, in March last, having been read and confirmed, the roll of Lodges was called over by the Provincial Grand Secretary W. G. Brighten, whose report thereon was received with much satisfaction, the returns being now regularly made by each Lodge (with one exception only), the number of members being further increased, and three new Lodges having been consecrated in the Province within the past year, viz., the Studholme No. 197, the Croydon No. 198, and the Duke of Cornwall No. 199.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then called off to Divine service at the parish church, where evening service was kindly conducted by the Vicar the Rev. — Limps, and an excellent sermon was preached, by the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, who took for his text Ezekiel xlv. 5: "And the Lord said unto me, Son of man, mark well." On returning Prov. Grand Lodge was resumed, and the warrant of re-appointment of the Provincial Grand Master was duly read, upon which the brethren saluted Bro. Col. Burdett in due form. The Provincial Grand M.M. then reappointed Bro. F. Davison his Deputy

P.G.M.M. and the brethren accordingly saluted Bro. Davison in due form, after which the Prov. G.M.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follow:—Bro. Sir Charles T. Bright P.G.S.W., Bro. J. T. Ritchie P.G.J.W., Revs. Ambrose W. Hall and Thos. Cochrane P.G. Chaplains, John Kirke P.G.M.O., J. Tomlinson P.G.S.O., Henry Court P.G.J.O., W. Taylor P.G.S.D., R. P. Spice P.G.J.D., R. P. Tebb P.G. Supt. Works, J. B. Shackleton P.G.D.C., George Harrison P.G.A.D.C., R. Davies P.G. Sword Bearer, Chas. Legg P.G. Standard Bearer, Louis Beck P.G. Organist, H. A. Pocock P.G.I.G., Bros. H. Wing Charrington, A. W. Hume, Bernard Meyer, Alfred Clarke, and J. T. Gibson Prov. Grand Stewards, and John Gilbert P.G. Tyler for the ensuing year. The accounts of the P.G. Treasurer were then presented, received, and ordered to be printed. Bro. Col. Wigginton, after speaking in terms of high praise of the sermon from Bro. Hall, now the P.G. Chaplain, proposed, and Bro. R. H. Thrupp seconded, that the sermon be printed, published, and circulated, which proposition was carried unanimously. After the appointment of auditors for the ensuing year, Prov. Grand Mark Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet in the large hall, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

KEMEYS TYNTE PRECEPTORY.

AN Emergency Meeting of this Preceptory was held on Wednesday, 18th instant, at five p.m., at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square W. The members present included V.E. Sir Knight Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney P.E.P. P.P. Prior of Essex, V.E. Sir Knight Major Shadwell H. Clerke R.B.G. Great Sub-Prior, V.E. Sir Knight Captain N. G. Philips P. Prior of Suffolk and Cambridge, E. Sir Knight Captain W. F. Portlock Dadson R.B.G. P.E.P. P.P.D.G. Commander of Kent, Sir Knights J. Lewis Thomas F.R.G.S. Constable, the Rev. P. M. Holden Marshal, Peter Laird P.E.P., John T. Gibson, Captain C. F. Compton, S. Graham Bake, Captain Henry S. Andrews, Captain Adolphus Nichols P.E.P., E. M. Lott, W. H. Kempster M.D., &c.; and as Visitors Sir Knights the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall M.A., J. B. Purchas M.D. R.N., Major George Barlow P.E.P., J. Denison Macartney M.P., W. Hyde Pullen, Wilfred H. Hodgkin, and the Rev. F. Kill Harford M.A. Sir Knight Colonel Burney presided, in the absence, from ill-health, of the Eminent Preceptor Colonel Charles Wilson Randolph, Grenadier Guards, and a resolution of regret at the cause of his absence was recorded. Letters of regret at inability to attend were read from V.E. Sir Knight Major-General Clerk F.R.S. P.P. Prior of Kent, and Sir Knights Lieut.-General Tulloh C.B. R.A., Sir Thomas Dyer Bart., Hugh D. Sandeman P.P. Prior of Bengal, James Forrester P.E.P., Major J. R. Pearson R.A., Kenneth R. Murchison, Captain M. Studholme Brownrigg, 52nd Light Infantry, Captain Leeson, A. A. Czarnecki, J. Sandilands Ward, E. R. Tymms E.P. of the Diamond of the Desert Preceptory, and Dr. R. J. Nunn, of Georgia, U.S. America; also from Companions the Right Hon. Lord Henniker and Sir T. Douglas Forsyth C.B., K.C.S.I., who were prevented from being present to take the degree.

A ballot was taken for the election of E. Sir Knt. Richard W. H. Giddy, P.E.P. of the Diamond of the Desert Preceptory, as an honorary member, and for Companions Lieut.-Colonel N. G. P. Bousfield M.P., Major the Hon. William Le Poer Trench R.E., Major Robert James Maxwell, 80th regt., and James Walter Waldron, candidates for installation.

Companions Major Francis Ignatio Ricarde-Seaver, Captain William Arthur Hicks, Major the Hon. W. Le Poer Trench, and Major Robert J. Maxwell were duly installed and proclaimed Knights of the Order of the Temple.

Comp. John Aird C.E. was proposed as a candidate for ballot at the next meeting in November.

A resolution having been passed at the last meeting to present a testimonial to E. Sir Knt. Captain W. F. Portlock Dadson P.E.P., in recognition of his services to the Preceptory, as Treasurer, &c., the E.P. stated that the Audit Committee (Major-General Clerk R.A., Colonel Randolph, and Lieut.-Colonel Somerville Burney) had decided on its form, and he then presented Captain Portlock Dadson, in the name of the Preceptory, with a very handsome drawing-room clock, and branches for lights, for which Captain Dadson returned thanks.

A Priory of the Order of Malta was then opened, V.E. Sir Knt. Major Shadwell H. Clerke R.B.G. presiding as Prior, and he conferred the degree on Sir Knts. Major Ricarde-Seaver, E. M. Lott, Wilfred H. Hodgkin, Thomas B. Purchas M.D. R.N., and Deputy Controller S. Graham Bake.

The Annual Dinner took place afterwards, at the Café Royal, 68 Regent-street, W., the immediate Past Preceptor, Colonel Somerville Burney, presiding.

Era Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 176.—The installation meeting of the above was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Dr. J. Baxter Langley W.M. opened the Lodge, and Bro. H. E. Levander P.M. perfectly and impressively installed Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden, who appointed his officers:—Bros. T. Horton S.W., W. Hammond J.W., H. A. Dubois P.M. Treas., F. Walters P.M. Sec., J. Johnson M.O., A. F. Loos S.O., J. B. Shackleton J.O., R. P. Tebb S.D., J. H. Dodson J.D., B. Meyer I.G., W. Y. Laing Tyler. Bros. A. Maaers 871, and E. Woelke 1423 were advanced. A P.M.'s jewel, of the value of five guineas, was presented to the retiring W.M., Dr. J. Baxter Langley P.P.G.J.W. Middlesex and Surrey. The Lodge was then closed until Friday, 12th October. A very excellent banquet was provided by Bro. J. Spencer.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Office: 6 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, London, W.C.
18th July 1877.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Festival as above, held this afternoon, I had the gratification to announce that the result of the kind efforts of 225 Stewards was the addition to our funds of £13,535 12s 6d. Two lists not received.

With grateful appreciation,

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

HAMPSHIRE AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Your analysis of the recent subscription list is calculated to convey a wrong impression, which I have no doubt you will obligingly correct. Among the "eight" Lodges contributing from Hampshire you include "one Southampton (394)." The Deputy Provincial Grand Master being a member of the "Southampton" Lodge, may have recorded himself as representing that Lodge, because, among other reasons, it at once identified the town with the cause. But the mother Lodge in that town of the Worshipful brother, of which he is a P.M. and a subscribing member (the "Royal Gloucester"), contributed 25 guineas to his list, its members numbering about 80; the "Peace and Harmony," comprising nearly 200 members, contributed also 25 guineas; and the Southampton, with about 50 members, 10 guineas. Thanking you by anticipation for this correction,

I am, fraternally yours,

A SOUTHAMPTON MASON.

REGALIA.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I regret that a press of engagements has prevented my replying earlier to the letter of "Q." in your issue of 7th July. First, let me thank him for his able reply—perhaps the best that could be made under the circumstances. I still think that the whole point turns on the interpretation of the word "consistent;" otherwise why was that word inserted at all in the laws of Regalia? According to the argument of "Q.," the word "appertain" would have been sufficient and explicit. Neither do I think that "Q." can fairly be entitled to transpose the words of the law as he does thus.

The Constitutions say:—

"No jewel, &c., shall be worn, &c., which shall not appertain to, or be consistent with, those degrees which are recognised, &c."

"Q." says that this must be interpreted:—

"No jewel pertaining to, or consistent with any unrecognised degree may legally be worn, &c."

I submit that the two readings are mightily different.

In the last part of his letter "Q." is amusing, but scarcely logical, as he declares, since according to his own showing the word "clothing" is used in a technical sense, as referring to sashes and aprons, just as "jewel" must be understood to mean a medal or badge.

However, it is in the second of the laws regarding Regalia that the real point at issue is to be found, and in the meaning to be attributed to the word "consistent."

Yours fraternally,

R.S.Y.C.S.

POWERS AND PRIVILEGES OF A MASTER.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—*"Primus (and Solus)"* if he will pardon me the liberty in saying so, is a genial fellow, who enters heartily into the spirit of a little friendly banter, and I trust he will allow me, in the spirit, if not literally, to shake him by the band. I trust, further, that he will permit me, with all respect for his usually keen judgment, to point out that *"W.M. Regispons"* and I are no more one and the same person than *"Primus (and Solus)"* and *"Comus."* He may be an acquaintance of mine, and so may *"Primus,"* for aught I know to the contrary, as I know very many Craftsmen, but until his true name is revealed, I am as much in the dark as to the personality of *"W.M. Regispons"* as *"Primus"* is about that of the Man in the Moon—if there be such an individual.

As to the point at issue between *"W.M. Regispons"* and myself on the one hand, and *"Primus (and Solus)"* on the other, I fancy it is more apparent than real. I did not understand *"W.M. Regispons"* as suggesting that a Master should invite a Warden or other qualified

brother to fulfil his duties for him. I considered he was pleased with the ruling of the Grand Registrar, because it gave a W.M. the opportunity of allowing other than P.M.'s, who already know the work, to discharge those functions of the chair which they may reasonably look forward to discharging at some future time. I pictured to myself the case of a W.M. who was well enough to attend the Lodge and occupy the chair, yet not well enough to do all the business of the evening. Such being the case, I thought it would be a good thing that the W.M., if so minded, should give one of his Wardens the chance of working one of the ceremonies. I feel that I am taking somewhat of a liberty when I interpret *"W.M. Regispons's"* letter in my own fashion, but this was the kind of idea it seemed to me he had in his mind when I read it. If I understand him rightly, *"Primus (and Solus)"* objection is to a W.M. regularly having his work done by deputy, and so is well founded; but the whole thing, from beginning to end, is exceptional. If, says the Grand Registrar, a W.M. momentarily feels himself unequal to the task of fulfilling his duties, then he may invite any qualified brother to speak the words for him. If this ruling is correct, says *"W.M. Regispons,"* so much the better, for a Warden or other brother who hopes some day or other to fill the chair may thus obtain a practical knowledge of its duties. And this is the view of your humble servant and brother.

I fully recognise the wisdom of the suggestion that a W.M. should do his own work, but in the case I have already suggested, or in that of his having to perform the same ceremony more than two or three times the same evening, I do not think he would be *"shirking his duty"* if he allowed some one else the opportunity of gaining a little practical insight into the work. I am afraid I have trespassed on your valuable space, and, therefore, without further comment, subscribe myself,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

COMUS.

CHEVALIER RAMSAY AND THE ROYAL ARCH.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I find in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, page 219, 1739, the following interesting news from Rome:—

"There was lately burnt here, with great solemnity, by order of the Inquisition, a piece in French, written by Chevalier Ramsay (author of the *Travels of Cyrus*), an apologetical and historical relation of the secrets of Freemasons, printed at Dublin, by Patrick Odonoko. This was published at Paris, in answer to a pretended catechism printed there by order of the Lieutenant de Police."

I called attention to above paragraph in the November number of the *Canadian News*, 1876. I have also written to Bro. Haghan, to endeavour to hunt up the Dublin pamphlet, and to Bro. Findel, at Leipsic, to try and find the French edition, but so far they have met with no success. A few days since, I found in the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*, 1851, in a note to the Revelations of a Square, by Dr. Oliver, as follows:—

"An apology for the Free and Accepted Masons, occasioned by their persecution in the Canton of Berne, with the present state of Masonry in Germany, Italy, France, Flanders, and Holland. By J.G.D. M.F.M. Patrick Odonoko, Dublin, 1739."

The name of the Dublin printer is evidently misspelt in one of the above paragraphs, but in other respects there is no antagonism between them; the correspondent from Rome described the French edition of the pamphlet, and Dr. Oliver transcribed the title page of the Dublin edition, and did not evidently know that Ramsay was its author, and that a French edition was burned in Rome in 1739, &c. Now, Dr. Oliver must either have owned a copy of that pamphlet, or he transcribed its title page from a copy in the Museum, or from one in possession of the late Bro. Spencer; anyhow, there must still be a copy in existence, and I should much like to know some more about its contents; for, in the first place, it may throw new light on the Masonic history of that period; and, second, it may enlighten us about the movements of Ramsay in those days, which may in its turn throw some light on the origin of the Royal Arch Degree.

Dr. Oliver informs us, first, that Ramsay lived in England from 1740 to 1741. Second, that the first mention or allusion to the Royal Arch occurred in 1740. And third, that Ramsay first offered to sell his R.A. Degree to the Grand Lodge of England; but, as the Grand Lodge would have nothing to do with it, he sold or gave it to the Ancients. Now, these statements may be true: but as our Doctor gave no authority whence he derived that information, *they may be untrue*. One thing is certain, viz., that the R.A. Degree was worked in Dublin in 1744; for this information we are indebted to Bro. Haghan's discovery of the pamphlet by Fifield Dassigni, Dublin, 1744. Now, if the Dublin pamphlet of 1739, by Odonoko, or Odonoko, was really written by Ramsay, it would support the theory that Ramsay visited Ireland in 1739, and he may also have visited England in 1740, as stated by Bro. Oliver, and I may further suggest that if Ramsay did visit any part of England or Ireland about that time, it was not for the purpose of disposing of his Masonic bantling, but for political purposes; his main object must have been to confer with the partisans of the Pretender, and in that case, he may have visited Ireland before England, and while he was in Dublin he probably published the pamphlet, ending with six mysterious letters, and he may have left there his new Royal Arch Degree at the same time. Hence, a knowledge of the contents of the 1739 pamphlet may help to solve that puzzle.

But, anyhow, a publication of that early Masonic period must be of some interest to Masonic inquirers, and if a copy of it is still reserved, it should be either reprinted in pamphlet form or in a Masonic periodical. I hope and trust therefore that the above hints will not be in vain. Perhaps Bro. W. Spencer knows something about it.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

Boston, U.S., 6th July 1877.

JACOB NORTON.

OPENING OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL IN SHEFFIELD.

FROM THE SHEFFIELD AND ROTHERHAM INDEPENDENT.

THE old Masonic Hall in Surrey-street, which was formerly the Savings Bank, having become quite inadequate to the wants of the Freemasons of Sheffield, a new and handsome Hall has been built on the old site, and the work has just been completed. The Hall, which is in the classical style of architecture, contains on the ground floor a banqueting room, 51 feet long, 26 feet wide, and 15 feet high, and is lighted by double windows of plate glass, the inner ones being embossed and ornamented with Masonic emblems. This is entered from premises lately occupied by Mr. Sherwin, by a convenient approach. A serving window is in direct communication with the kitchens. The entire site of the new Hall has been cellared, and arrangements have been made by which all the furniture from the banqueting room can be lowered thereto, thus leaving the room a clear floor in cases of need. The Lodge-room, which is over the banqueting-room, is 51 feet long, 26 feet wide, and 24 feet high, having an arched roof, springing from a cornice running round the room, ornamented with moulded ribs and panels, and carved bosses. The walls are relieved with columns, which have foliated capitals springing from ornamental corbels, from which the ribs in the roof form one continuous line. The whole of the fittings are of pitch pine, slightly stained and varnished, which produce a very pleasing effect. The east end is occupied by a raised dais of three steps, and along the north and south sides runs a raised platform, so that a double row of chairs can be placed, and the brethren occupying the back seats be enabled to both see and hear with comfort. At the west end, provision has been made to receive an organ, which has been erected by the eminent makers, Messrs. Brindley and Foster, of Sheffield, and of this instrument several professional brethren speak very highly. Both rooms are lighted by very chaste chandeliers, and are warmed by hot water, on the most improved principles, and ventilated on Tobin's system. In addition to these two rooms, there are on the ground floor a club-room, commodious kitchens, lavatory, &c. On the first floor, one good sized room (which has, during the erection of the new Hall, been used as a temporary Lodge-room), a convenient cloak-room, and a wide passage with a broad flight of stairs leading to the Lodge-room. On the second floor are several rooms, affording accommodation for a resident Tyler. The Hall has been built by the Masonic Hall Company Limited, whose capital is £10,000, and it is the intention of the Company to make it, internally at least, one of the most handsome and complete buildings of its kind in the Province.

The Hall was formally opened on Wednesday by Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., D.L., the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Provincial Grand Lodge being held in the Hall. There were present—the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, T. W. Tew, J.P., Dr. Cox (London), Dr. Bartolomé, Bro. Gill (Mayor of Wakefield), the Rev. F. W. Bagshawe, several distinguished brethren from neighbouring provinces and a company numbering nearly 250. Mr. Tallis Trimnell presided at the organ, and Bro. T. Collinson was the Director of Ceremonies. Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in usual form.

Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., said: Brethren, in addressing this brilliant assembly of the members of the Craft in West Yorkshire, the first part of my agreeable duty to-day is to acknowledge in the most cordial manner your hearty reception of your Provincial Grand Master. I am again reminded of the welcome this Prov. Grand Lodge met with in October A.D. 1875, from the Wentworth Lodge. To that admirable and select Lodge I expressed my obligations and those of this Provincial Grand Lodge for the use of a building accorded to that gathering of Freemasons, but which was not a Masonic edifice. I ventured to remark that I trusted that the Lodges in Sheffield might at no distant time be able to hold their meetings, as well as their invitations to Provincial Grand Lodge, in commodious premises of their own, dedicated solely to Freemasonry, and befitting the status and increasing influence of the Craft in this busy town of mechanical industry. Allow me, as the next part of my duty, to thank the Britannia Lodge, the second oldest in the Province, under whose banner we labour to-day, for their invitation to inaugurate the completion of an important work, and for the excellent preparations the brethren here have made for the reception of this Provincial Grand Lodge. Our meeting to-day is the completion of the hope expressed in the Wentworth Lodge in 1875, the construction of a Masonic Hall well worthy of the Craft in Sheffield, and we congratulate the united Lodges on their energy, their wealth, and their skill, which, in two years, have produced this magnificent temple, fraught as I believe such a work must be in advantages and benefits identified with the future of this district. It would border on ingratitude and negation, if I did not embrace this opportunity of personally offering my tribute of praise that the aspirations of 1875 have become practical realities in 1877. The auspicious occasion which has brought us together, within these new walls would be incomplete without some brief mention of the circumstances which have led to their reconstruction, and the history of Freemasonry in Sheffield, the statistics for which have been kindly supplied me by my worthy deputy and other members of the Craft in Sheffield. Sheffield has a Masonic history, of which the members of the three Lodges may feel proud. The history is not of yesterday. It extends over a series of past years; and this history is associated not only with Masonic events and transactions, but of Imperial significance. The brethren of Hallamshire have for many generations, by the magnitude of important mechanical industries, earned enduring honour by building up England's greatness. Your mighty appliances for heavy works have elicited the admiration of foreign critics, and your machinery and architectural architecture have equally gratified the visitor, whatever may have been his tastes, feelings, or proclivities. The Masonic bodies in Sheffield consist, I may say for the information of the Craft in general,

of three Craft Lodges, Nos. 139, 296, and 1239, numbering about 300 brethren, including 35 Past Masters. There are besides two Royal Arch Chapters and a Rose Croix, a Mark Mason's Lodge, a Preceptory of Knights Templar, a Conclave of Knights of Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, and a Sanctuary of Knights of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John the Evangelist, together with a Priory of Knights of Malta. There are two remarkable coincidences of similarity in connection with the meeting places of the two oldest Lodges in West Yorkshire, one which, in July 1738, met at the Crown and Rose, Halifax; and "The Britannia," under whose banner we meet to-day, which on 19th April 1765, was first unfurled at the Rose and Crown, Sheffield; and it was called "The Rose and Crown," but changed its name to "Britannia" on 8th April 1795. With the exception of the first two years the minutes of this Lodge are perfect. In 1861 it established itself in a Hall devoted exclusively to Freemasonry, and upon the old foundations the present magnificent edifice has been rebuilt for the Masonic Hall of the United Lodges. The Royal Brunswick Lodge was constituted in due form 28th July 1794. The ceremony of dedication concluded with a liberal subscription to the Poor Girls' Charity School. On the 4th October 1798, the Britannia Lodge and the other brethren from all the Lodges dedicated and opened, in solemn form, in the presence of Lords Fitzwilliam and Galway and a distinguished company, the General Infirmary here, a lasting monument of benevolent usefulness. In identification with this noble Institution I must mention the name of Bro. Dr. Bartolomé. In the minute book of Britannia Lodge, 17th February 1775, is the consideration of a proposal for the establishment of a Lodge at Rotherham. On the 10th March, the Rotherham petitioners were informed that, "as they have irregularly dared to make a Mason without formal powers, they are unworthy the countenance of Britannia Lodge." I am proud to inform the Province that in 1808 a Lodge was opened, and in 1860 or 1861 Bro. Bentley Shaw re-consecrated, at Rotherham, the Phoenix Lodge, No. 904, which is now not the least prosperous or least loyal amongst the 63 Lodges of this Province, and I hope on some future occasion for an opportunity to pay my personal respects to its excellent W.M., and Bro. Fawcett and his brethren. In 1797, Mr. Scott proposed to build a Lodge room suitable for the Britannia Lodge. In June 1799, Bro. Chadwick preached a sermon before the brethren in St. Peter's Church for this purpose, and it was resolved that every brother absent, except being sick, should incur a pecuniary penalty. In 1798, the brethren marked their loyalty and patriotism in support of the Government of the day against a foreign country by a subscription which amounted to a considerable sum. In 1838, the United Lodges assembled at the Spread Eagle, and in 1839 Dr. Bartolomé was installed Worshipful Master; and it must be gratifying to the Sheffield brethren to see this old and esteemed Past Master present in Provincial Grand Lodge on this auspicious occasion. In 1841, a handsome testimonial was presented to Bro. Bartolomé, who was again re-elected Worshipful Master. In this year of Britannia 33 members were present. In the last month of this year the consecration of the Lodge took place at the Music Hall. Thus, after moving about as it were from pillar to post, the members of the Craft in Sheffield at last found a permanent habitation; and until 1861, the most perfect harmony prevailed amongst the brethren. In this year the Freemasons purchased the Old Savings Bank premises in Surrey-street, the site of the present Masonic Hall, and adapted it to the present purposes of the Craft in Sheffield, raising the money in shares of £5 each. This property was vested in trustees for the benefit of the Craft, and a trust deed was drawn up setting out clearly the object for which the purchase was made, and that the building should ultimately become the property of the Britannia Lodge. These shares were not all taken up until 1867. From this time, in accordance with the trust deed, Britannia began to purchase and to gradually absorb the shares of the various brethren. The three Lodges in Sheffield, after experiencing much inconvenience for many years from the inadequate accommodation afforded by the existing buildings, formed the idea of a limited company, and erecting the present hall, which it is hoped will meet the requirements of the Craft in Sheffield for several generations. After much grave consideration, it was finally resolved to pull down the old building, the property purchased from Sherwin standing for a time, and to build on the old ground a new Masonic Hall. Bros. Scargill and Clark were entrusted with the plans, and the work was commenced in 1876. I must express my satisfaction to all parties concerned on the success of the work and its adaptability for the purposes of Freemasonry, and that this Hall is a memorial of your skill and ability in Sheffield, and this Masonic Hall Company Limited was registered on the 24th November 1874. It is divided into 2,000 shares of £5 each, having a nominal capital of £10,000. Of these shares only 1,000 have been issued for allotment, and, with the exception of a very few, have been generously taken up. As each of the Lodges whose warrants ornament its walls have shown, at some period of their history, their value of the principles of Freemasonry in the exercise of charity and benevolence, so, I understand, it is the intention of the Craft to mark with significance their completion of this stately and superb edifice to co-operate in the work of restoration of the ancient Church of St. Peter, now called Trinity. I must be allowed to mention the magnificent contribution of £10,000 by a lady who has proved herself on several occasions a faithful friend to the Freemasons of Sheffield, and neither must I forget that other lady who supplements this work of restoration by a gift of £3,000. I believe the Craft here will restore their portion of the fabric as well as the Freemasons of Durham their part of this Cathedral of St. Cuthbert. My Deputy hoped to have the honour of initiating the late vicar of his church into Freemasonry, recently translated to the Bishopric of Sodor and Man, a noble imitator of the virtues of a previous vicar, the Reverend James Wilkinson, who for half a century, by his unaffected piety, inflexible integrity, and unwearied zeal in the public service, obtained and deserved the endearing appellation of the Father of the town of Sheffield. Time would fail me were I to enumerate the handsome contributions in detail, extending over a

series of years, to the London Charities, or how such brethren as Britain, Arnison, and Tindall are supported by the brethren of the three Lodges in this noble cause of Charity; suffice it to say this year alone the contributions of the three Lodges amount to nearly three hundred guineas. I must, however, record one act of magnanimity on the part of the Sheffield Lodges. At the Charity Committee meeting in March, Mary Ellen White, a daughter of one of the noblest of Sheffield Masons, was a candidate for the Girls' School. Because it was the last chance of Ada Hartley Healey, 26½, Batley, you generously gave way to allow this girl to be the nominee of our Charity Committee. It afforded me the highest satisfaction to learn that at the election, on 14th April, through the exertions of the Charity Committee, both these West Yorkshire girls were elected. The members of the various Lodges, I believe, vie with each other in their efforts to do good. The remarks of my deputy to the Wentworth Lodge are still singularly applicable to this occasion. The spirit of Freemasonry here is the spirit of sublimity, of a depth, grandeur, and lovable beauty equal to all the mind of Plato ever conceived. And I doubt not the inauguration of this new Hall will consolidate into perpetuity this harmony amongst the brethren he then so poetically expressed in 1875. In conclusion, I congratulate the Craft on the re-building of this noble Hall, and in the language of his Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, at York, in 1841, "I exhort you, brethren, never collectively or individually to suffer a breach of the Constitutions of the Craft. And when assembled in Lodge to leave all religious prejudices and political feelings outside the portal of the sacred temple, to strictly uphold the honour and dignity of the Craft by ever vindicating the laws and regulations, which being made in hours of cool reflection, after long and serious deliberation, provide a remedy for the correction of every abuse, and to defend at all times its rights and privileges by a close adherence to the established usages and customs of the Order." Thus may the principles of Freemasonry be supported as heretofore by old Masons and young Masons, and the Craft prosper in this Hall, where order, peace, and harmony shall reign until every stone now built one upon another shall, through time, crumble into dust.

The business of Grand Lodge being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Cutlers' Hall, where they dined together, under the presidency of Sir Henry Edwards, and the gathering was characterised with that good feeling and harmony which always prevails among Masons. Amongst the toasts proposed was the health of Bro. Jervis, the Worshipful Master of the Britannia Lodge, under whose banner the Provincial Grand Lodge was held. The toast was proposed by Sir Henry Edwards, and was received very cordially by all the brethren present.

Old Warrants.

No. 76.

No. 35, "Ancients;" No. 52 A.D. 1814 (at the Union), No. 45 A.D. 1832, and No. 38 from A.D. 1863. Also No. 624, "Moderns;" No. 632 at the "Union," and united to the above A.D. 1828.

AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, G.M.

To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren.

We,

PRINCE AUGUSTUS FREDERICK OF BRUNSWICK LUNENBURGH,
(DUKE OF SUSSEX).

Earl of Inverness, Baron of Arklow, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, &c., &c., &c.

GRAND MASTER

Of the most Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

SEND GREETING.

WHEREAS, Warrants of Constitution, under the hands of the Grand Masters for the time being, and the Seal of Masonry, bearing date respectively the 15th March 1811 and the 13th March 1812, authorizing and empowering certain Brethren therein named, and their Successors to form and hold Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons, and which Warrants are respectively registered and numbered in the Books of our Grand Lodge, Nos. 52 and 632. And Whereas the Brethren composing the said Lodges have agreed and resolved to unite, and henceforth to form one Lodge only, and for that purpose have applied to us for our sanction and authority so to do. Now Know Ye that we, having taken the subject into consideration, and being willing to accede to the wishes of the Brethren, upon their Petition, and in consideration of the surrender of the said recited Warrants to be Cancelled, Do Hereby Grant this our

WARRANT OF CONFIRMATION AND CONSOLIDATION

unto our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Brothers (Jacob Newman, John Humphrey jun., Stephen Farrenden, John Humphrey sen., Charles Fogden, William Combes and Wm. Raper) authorizing and empowering them and their Successors to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the Anchor Inn, in the City of Chichester, under the title or denomination of

THE LODGE OF UNION,

on the Thursday previous to the Full Moon in every month, and at such other times as to the brethren thereof may appear necessary and proper, in conformity with the Laws of the Craft, and then and

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Given under our Hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge, this 31st day of May, A.L. 5828, A.D. 1828.

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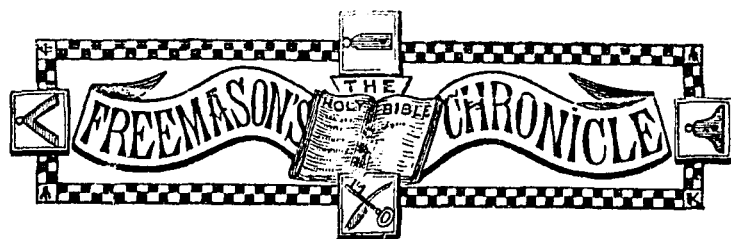
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

ON Thursday of last week, a few minutes sufficed for
the transaction of business in the House of Lords.
On Friday, the House went into Committee on the Uni-
versities of Oxford and Cambridge Bill. Up to Clause 14
only a few verbal amendments were made, but on the next

clause, Earl Granville moved a very important addition as
to clerical fellowships and headships. A long debate, in
which the Marquis of Salisbury and other noble lords
took part, followed. On a division, Earl Granville was
defeated by 103 to 69. The remaining clauses having been
discussed and agreed to, the House resumed, the other
business was disposed of, and their lordships adjourned.
On Monday, Lord Oranmore and Browne brought the sub-
ject of Undetected Crime in Ireland under the notice of
the House, after which several public bills were dealt with
at one or other of their several stages. On Tuesday, the
report of the amendments to the Universities' Bill was
agreed to, the Inclosure Bill passed through Committee,
and the Select Committee on the Earldom of Mar was
appointed.

In the House of Commons, on Thursday, several ques-
tions having been discussed, the Home Secretary stated that
the authorities of Christ's Hospital had placed themselves
unreservedly in his hands in relation to the recent unhappy
suicide by one of the pupils. Other questions, and among
them two relating to Russian "atrocities" in Asia and
Bulgaria, were asked of Ministers. A complaint against the
Government in connection with the Jewish Sunday Closing
Bill was made by Mr. Sullivan. The Chancellor of the Ex-
chequer defended them, and the Marquis of Hartington, Sir
W. Lawson, and Sir P. O'Brien offered some remarks on the
subject. The House then went into Committee of Supply,
and made some further progress with the Education
Estimates. At the morning sitting on Friday, a motion on
Convict Prisons was brought forward by Mr. Parnell, but
after a statement by Mr. Cross, was withdrawn, and the
House in Committee resumed the consideration of the
Estimates. Mr. Cross then announced the names of the
gentlemen comprising the Committee of Inquiry into the
Government of Christ's Hospital, and the sitting was
suspended. There being no quorum when the House
resumed at nine o'clock, a count-out took place. On
Monday, after the disposal of sundry questions, Mr. Holmes
moved an amendment on the motion for going into Com-
mittee of Supply, condemning the appointment of a War
Office clerk, a Mr. Pigott, to be the Controller of Her
Majesty's Stationery Office. An animated debate followed,
and ultimately the Government sustained a defeat by 156
to 152, the result being greeted with cheers by the Opposi-
tion. Mr. Chamberlain drew attention to the subject of
grants for the promotion of Science and Art, and Sir W.
Harcourt to that of the Detention of Untried Prisoners,
when the House went into Committee of Supply on the
Civil Service Estimates. On Tuesday Supply was again the
order of the day at the morning sitting, and in the evening
there was another count-out, as forty members were not
present. The whole of Wednesday afternoon was occupied
with the consideration of Intoxicating Liquor Bills. The
second reading of one of these measures was negatived with-
out a division. In the course of the debate Major O'Gorman
made a very amusing speech, which was interrupted by
roars of laughter. A second bill was withdrawn, and then
a third was disposed of, being thrown out on the second
reading by 133 to 85. Having dealt with the remaining
business, the House adjourned at six o'clock.

The Queen, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice and
Prince Leopold, left Windsor Castle for London on
Thursday afternoon, for the purpose of being present at a
garden party given by their Royal Highnesses the Prince
and Princess of Wales, at Marlborough House. A large
number of guests were present. The following afternoon,
Mdlle. Etelka Gerster had the honour of singing before
Her Majesty and the Royal family at Windsor. The Prince
and Princess Christian, the Princess Louise and the Marquis
of Lorne, the Princess Beatrice, and Prince Leopold were
present, together with the members of the Court in attend-
ance. On Saturday afternoon, the Prince and Princess of
Wales paid a visit to the little Berkshire town of Wantage,
for the purpose of unveiling the statue recently erected to
the memory of Alfred the Great. The Royal party were
received, on arriving at the station, by Colonel and the
Hon. Mrs. Loyd-Lindsay, and drove immediately to the
town, escorted by a detachment of the Berks Yeomanry
Cavalry. There was a very large gathering from the
country all round, and the welcome extended to their Royal
Highnesses was of the heartiest character, the scene being
greatly enlivened by the presence of the band of the
Grenadier Guards. After the usual address by the Chair-
man of the Reception Committee, to which the Prince
gracefully replied, Canon Butler, the Vicar of Wantage,

led up a deputation of school children, who presented a magnificent bouquet to the Princess. The children then sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales," their Royal Highnesses planted memorial trees, and the statue was then formally unveiled, amid the cheers of the multitude, the band playing a few bars of the National Anthem by way of salute. The Royal party then left the ground, and drove to Lockinge, Colonel Loyd-Lindsay's seat, where they remained as guests till Monday, when they returned to Marlborough House. On Wednesday, the Prince and Princess of Wales dined with the Duke of Cambridge at Gloucester House. Their Royal Highnesses' eldest son, Prince Albert Victor of Wales, is, unfortunately, laid up at Marlborough House with an attack of fever, but the attack cannot be very severe, or they would not be going out visiting. Indeed, the latest accounts report the little boy as progressing satisfactorily.

Later accounts from Wimbledon give evidence that the shooting of our volunteers, so far from being inferior to what it was last year, has considerably improved. As the meeting will be concluded this week, most of the important contests are already over. The winner of the first stage in the Queen's Prize turned up in the person of Corporal Betts, of the 1st Norfolk Rifle Volunteers, with the splendid score of 93. The gallant fellow thus takes the silver medal of the Association and £60. On Tuesday, the sixty who had made the highest scores in the first stage, competed for the Association Gold Medal and the Queen's Prize of £250. The ranges in this competition are 800, 900, and 1,000 yards. Private G. Jamieson, by birth a Scotchman, by adoption a Lancashire man, secured the honours of victory by a single point, his score comprising 22 points at 800 yards, 23 at 900 yards, and 25 at 1,000 yards, or, in the aggregate 70, Sergeant W. Jolliffe of the 1st Isle of Wight and two Scotchmen following close upon his heels with 69. Of the other contests we note that Colour Sergeant Hyslop, 8th Ayrshire, carried off the St. George's Challenge Vase, with the Dragon Cup, Gold Jewel, and £25 for himself, his score of 35 points being the highest possible. Private Cameron, 3rd Lanarkshire, was second with 34, and thus secured £25 and a silver jewel, Private Angus Cameron being 3rd with 33 points, and taking the bronze jewel and £20. Lieut. Dank won the Alexandra Prize with a score of 62. England has won the National Challenge Trophy with an aggregate score of 1,426 against the only other competitor, namely, Ireland, which made only 1,238. Norfolk has carried off the China Cup, the 1st Notts (the Robin Hoods), the Belgian Cup, Private Humphrey, a former Queen's Prize winner, secured the Secretary of State for War's Prize, Captain Pixley of the Victorias, another Champion shot, the first of the Henry Prizes, Sergeant Paton the Great Aggregate Prize, and the Volunteers have defeated the Army for the Donegal Challenge Cup.

The Eton and Harrow match at Lords, ended unsatisfactorily in a draw, owing to the abominable weather, on Saturday. The day previous had been very brilliant, and in consequence, some 15,000 people were present to witness this annual event. Eton headed its rival on the first innings by six runs, the scores being, Harrow 157, and Eton 163. Harrow went to the wickets again, and had lost two wickets for 93 runs. On Saturday play was resumed, and in spite of the rain there was a large gathering of spectators. Several interruptions occurred, and the elevens only gave in to the elements when the ground was like a swamp. Harrow added 100 to its over-night's score of 93, making a total of 193, of which Rowe contributed 82. When the game was discontinued, Eton had scored 78 for the loss of one wicket. This left them 110 to win. In the other principal matches Notts beat Surrey by only 18 runs, and Lancashire defeated Yorkshire by nine wickets. The match between the counties of Gloucester and York and England ended in a draw. Mr. W. G. Grace made the two excellent scores of 52 and 110, the latter being his second best performance this year, and Mr. A. N. Hornby, for England, scored 105 and 33 (not out).

On Monday afternoon, by permission of the Lord Mayor, who presided, a meeting was held at the Mansion House, in aid of the Royal Dramatic College. The remarks of his Lordship were very much to the point. Mr. May, to whose action the College is indebted for the present movement in support, made an earnest appeal to those present. Mrs. Alfred Mellon also addressed the meeting, and was followed by Mr. S. Emery. Mr. B. Webster, seconded by Mr. Churchill, moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Lord

Mayor, and the compliment was gracefully acknowledged by his Lordship. Among the donations promised were one of ten guineas from the Lord Mayor, and twenty-five guineas, with an annual subscription of ten guineas, from Mr. Willing.

The news from the seat of war is growing more exciting every day, the Russians having gained more than one important success in Europe. In the first place, they have captured Nicopolis, the possession of which will enable them to establish another bridge over the Danube. Whether this place was taken after a desperate contest, as is stated in one report, or whether the Turks evacuated the place and retired without sustaining any loss, as stated in another, is not clear as yet. However, the city has been taken, beyond all question. Then a detachment of the Russians has effected the passage of the Balkans, but subsequent news is to the effect that the Turks, after some desperate fighting, succeeded in forcing their opponents back. In spite of these rumours, it is evident that the Russians have contrived to force—to what extent is unknown—the second line of Turkish defence, and the news of this achievement has caused a great scare in Constantinople, and a tremendous excitement in all the other European capitals. Reinforcements are being hurriedly sent to the front, and every preparation is being made to meet the forces under the Grand Duke Nicholas, and give immediate battle. Adrianople is being strengthened as to its defences, and, indeed, everywhere measures are being taken to fight it out to the very last. A report was spread abroad that the Russians, under the Grand Duke himself, had been defeated on the Plevna-Monastir line, and lost 12,000 men, but this has not been confirmed. The worst news that reaches us is of the slaughter by the Cossacks of non-combatants, including women and children, and this is said to have taken place both in Europe and in Asia. We trust, for the honour of Christianity, that these reports will turn out to be false. We are already sick of the continued announcements of "atrocities." In Asia, the Russians are still retiring, and Kars has been entered by Moukhtar Pasha. The bombardment appears to have inflicted no serious amount of harm to the defences, and only a few lives were lost. The Turks, indeed, seem bent on attacking the Russians, and operating on the offensive along the whole line. Whether they will be successful under these altered conditions of the war remains to be seen. As to Montenegro, now that the Turkish forces have been withdrawn, the Black Mountaineers have resumed the offensive, and have captured some half dozen villages. The events in the European theatre of war have caused profound agitation in Hungary, and there is a general cry that Austro-Hungary should immediately declare itself in favour of Turkey. It is even said that the question of the passage of the Dardanelles by the British Fleet has been raised. Be this as it may, events are moving rapidly, and there is no knowing one day what new complication the next may bring forth.

The Quarterly Court of the Girls' School was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday. The chair was taken at noon by Lieut.-Colonel Creton, and the minutes of the previous Court having been read and confirmed, it was announced that there would be ten vacancies for new pupils to be ballotted for at the October election, while the number of approved candidates was fifty. It was thereupon moved by Bro. R. B. Webster, and seconded by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, that twenty-five additional girls be admitted in October. This resolution was accepted unanimously, so that thirty-five instead of ten candidates will be chosen by ballot from the list of fifty. The usual complimentary vote of thanks to the chairman, who cordially acknowledged it, brought the proceedings to an end.

The Quarterly Court, Boys' School, was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, at the hour of noon. The minutes of the previous court having been read and confirmed, it was announced that there would be nine vacancies to be ballotted for at the October election, while the number of candidates already approved is sixty-three. On the motion of Lieut.-Colonel Creton, seconded by Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, it was resolved that a testimonial, in recognition of the services of Mrs. J. B. Monckton, should be presented by the Institution; and a sub-committee, consisting of Lieut.-Colonel

Creton, Captain Wordsworth, and Bro. Benjamin Head, was appointed, with a view to giving effect to this resolution, and also for the purpose of conferring with any sub-committee that might be appointed by the Girls' School. The motion that Bro. John Constable be elected an honorary vice-patron, in acknowledgment of his valuable services in bringing up a list of £1226 at the recent Festival, was agreed to, after which the proceedings closed, with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman. There were present Bros. John Symonds (chairman), Lieut.-Colonel Creton, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, H. Massey, W. Roebuck, C. F. Matier, Captain Wordsworth, and others.

Whatever may happen in the future, the year 1877 will be memorable in the annals of the Boys' School, as being the year in which for the first time the sum of £13,500 has been reached and exceeded. At the final meeting of the Board of Stewards, on Wednesday, the sum announced as the result of the recent Festival was £13,535 12s 6d, truly a splendid achievement, and one of which the Board of Stewards has every reason to be proud. The other business transacted at this same Court was in its way of an equally satisfactory character. As regards the receipts and expenses in respect of the Festival, the sum actually received to date was £547 1s, and the outstanding assets, consisting of Stewards' fees unremitted and dinner tickets unpaid for, were estimated to yield a further sum of £117 10s, making a total on the Dr. side of the account of £664 11s. The expenses, of which Bros. Bertram and Roberts's bill for the dinner, of £452, was necessarily the most considerable item, and vouchers for which were submitted, reached a total of £635 7s 8d, so that there was left a surplus of £29 3s 4d. On the motion of Bro. Thos. Meggy, who spoke in the most eulogistic terms of Bro. Binckes's services to the Institution, seconded by Bro. W. Mann, who added his testimony as to the worthy Secretary's merits, it was resolved that the surplus should be handed over to Bro. Binckes, as a slight recognition of his labours in connection with this particular Festival. It is needless to say the motion was most warmly received, and Bros. J. M. P. Montagu and C. F. Matier very felicitously endorsed the statements of Bros. Meggy and Maun. Bro. Binckes having acknowledged the compliment, Bros. Matier and Meggy severally proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to Bro. S. Barton Wilson, for his services as honorary Treasurer, and when this had been acknowledged, on the proposal of Bros. Constable and Wilson, a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bro. T. Meggy for his services in the chair, and as acting Vice-President of the Board. Bro. Meggy having expressed his sense of the compliment, the brethren separated. Among those present were Bros. Thos. Meggy, who occupied the chair, Mann, Matier, J. M. P. Montagu, J. L. Thomas, J. Pringle, S. B. Wilson, J. Constable, F. Binckes Hon. Secretary, and others.

In our analysis of the Subscription List at the recent Festival of the Boys' School, we inadvertently mentioned "Monmouthshire and South Wales" as among the absentee provinces, when it should have been only "Monmouthshire." Both the Eastern and Western Divisions of South Wales were among the provinces which contributed.

The consecration of the Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687, will take place at the Inns of Court Hotel, on Friday, the 27th inst., at 4 o'clock. Bro. Louis Beck is the W.M. designate, Frank Kirk S.W., Hancock J.W. Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, Deputy Grand Master for Middlesex, will be the Consecrating Officer, and he will be assisted by the Rev. P. M. Holden. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. Louis Beck.

Many of our readers are aware that Bro. George King jun., of the Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, was advised to take a sea voyage for the benefit of his health. We, yesterday, received intelligence that he has reached Port Natal safely, and that he has much benefitted by the voyage. We trust this improvement will be continuous, and that our worthy brother will ultimately return home, completely restored to his normal state of health.

NEW ZEALAND.

THE third anniversary of the "Forest Lodge," 1481 E.C., Wakefield, Province of Nelson, New Zealand, was celebrated on St. George's Day, 23rd April, when a number of the brethren of the present Lodge, "Southern Star," 735 E.C., went by special train from Nelson to assist on the occasion. Lodge being opened, the installation of Bro. Peter Curtis Gowland was performed by Bro. Richard Chattock, P.M. Forest Lodge, ably assisted by Bro. W. B. Sealey, Southern Star Lodge. Bros. W. M. Stanton and J. J. Cann, of the Southern Star Lodge, Nelson, filling the Wardens' Chairs for the occasion. Bros. R. M. Smith and R. Chattock were invested as S.W. and J.W., and at the close of the ceremonies the brethren sat down to an excellent repast, provided by the host of the Forest Inn, when much good humour and happiness prevailed, the only *contretemps* being that the special train, through the stupidity of the officials, started too soon from the station, contrary to understood arrangements, leaving the Nelson brethren to stay behind, or, as some of them preferred, to walk into town, a journey of twenty miles, after ten o'clock. At the first meeting of the Lodge for the year, Bro. Chattock was presented with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services as second W.M. of the Forest Lodge, and in testimony of the esteem and affection in which he is held by the brethren. Long may he live to wear it, with honour to himself and to his Lodge.

DEDICATION OF THE MASONIC HALL, ONEHUNGA.

THE dedication of the new hall erected at Onehunga, as a Masonic Temple, took place on 15th May, under the auspices of the Lodge Manukau, No. 586, S.C. The hall is a neat little edifice, just completed, or nearly so. It is complete internally, and is finished in a most creditable manner. The whole building is 71 feet in length by 34 feet in width. There are two ante-rooms and a gallery, and stage which is 15 feet in depth. The building is, in fact, admirably adapted, not only to the purposes of Masonic meetings, but is very suitable for theatrical entertainments, concerts, &c., and will no doubt, in future, be the public hall of Onehunga.

The consecration of this hall has, for some time past, been looked forward to as an event of some interest by the Masonic fraternity of Auckland and their friends, and, accordingly, considerable numbers went to Onehunga to be present at the ceremony. A good number went by train, but, in addition to these, two carriages, and a large four-in-hand 'bus, left Queen-street shortly after 3 o'clock, with brethren of the mystic tie, representing the various Constitutions and Masonic Lodges of Auckland. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. G. P. Pierce R.W.D.G.M. of the Irish Constitution, S. M. Leers acting District D.G.M. English Constitution, Hayward P.M., Gordon P.M., Hyde P.M., W. R. Robinson P.M., Clayton W.M. Prince of Wales Lodge, Brock P.M. United Service, Burns P.M. United Service and V.W.M. Mark Lodge E.C., Cole P.M., Curlew P.M., F. M. Hewson P.M., Rev. C. M. Nelson, Hatswell, Westmoreland, Carson, Dr. Ellis, Dr. Purchas, Burrett, and Donald McKenzie, who, we understand, is the oldest Mason in New Zealand, having been "made" in the year 1819. He is a Waterloo veteran, and is now a member of the Lodge Manukau. Bro. M. Niccol, P.M. and R.W.M. of the Lodge Manukau, officiated as Master on the occasion, and there were present besides the following officers of Lodge Manukau:—Bros. W. Dunwoodie S.W., J. R. Hendry J.W. and Director of Ceremonies, George Codlin Treasurer, J. W. Waller Secretary, R. Schofield S.D., J. J. Austin J.D. Bro. Walker R.W.M. St. Andrew's Lodge, officiated as Deputy Master, and Bro. Hardington as Substitute Master. Bro. Hendry's duties kept him from occupying his position in the Lodge as J.W., his place was occupied by Bro. Burns P.M. The Lodge having been opened in form, with upwards of 80 brethren present, it was raised to the third degree by the Presiding Master, and called off, when a procession was formed, the Lodge Manukau leading, and the Grand officers in the rear. They marched to St. Peter's Church, when, opening out right and left, the officers marched through the centre, and, filing in, they all entered the church. The evening service was read by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Purchas, the appropriate lessons by the Rev. Mr. Tomlinson (incumbent of the parish), and the sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson. Miss Wayland presided at the harmonium, and the choir of the church rendered the musical portions of the service very efficiently. Bro. Nelson, having opened his portion of the service with an appropriate Masonic prayer, preached an eloquent sermon from the text—"Be kindly affectionate one to another, with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another." Rom. xii. 10.

At the conclusion of the service, during which the church was crowded, a collection was taken up in aid of the Onehunga Benevolent Society, the amount of which we have not ascertained, but it will prove a very good addition to the funds of that institution. The procession was then re-formed, and marched back to the hall, where the business of the consecration was resumed. The ode, "Master Supreme, accept our praise," was sung by the brethren, led by the organist of the Lodge. Bro. Walker, as Deputy Master, having expressed the desire of the Lodge to have the Lodge consecrated, and the architect, Mr. Waller, having entered his plans, the R.W.M. expressed his willingness to dedicate the hall, and the Grand Chaplain having offered a prayer, the members of the Lodge formed a procession round the room. During this procession the brethren present joined in singing to the tune of Old Hundred, the ode, "Genius of Masoury, descend." Then followed the oblations of corn, wine, and oil, dedicating the Lodge in the name of Jehovah to Freemasonry, in the name of St. John to Virtue, and in the name of all the brethren to universal benevolence. The Grand Chaplain then invoked the blessing of the Most High, and the R.W.M., Bro. Niccol, in an able and explicit manner, explained the nature

of the ceremonies of consecration. The representatives of Lodges Waitemata, Prince of Wales, Ara, United Service, Rodney, and Sir Walter Scott (Thames) offered their congratulations to the officers and brethren of Lodge Manukau, after which the Lodge was lowered, closed, and called off for refreshment. A dinner was provided at Bro. Tregouning's hotel, not at the cost of the Lodge, but at the expense of the individual; and the only discontent evinced during the whole proceedings was in reference to the excessive charge made for the spread.

At eight o'clock the brethren and their friends assembled in the hall to hear the concert which had been arranged for. This portion of the proceedings showed that the hall possessed acoustic properties such as are rarely possessed by more pretentious buildings. The Onehanga Glee Club sang "Glorious Apollo" in good style, and this was followed by a song, in which Mr. Harding, one of our most popular amateurs, gained fresh laurels. It was "Ye gallants of England." A glee was sung by Messrs. Henderson, Bartley, Skinner, and Howden, which was followed by the gem of the evening's entertainment—Miss Leaf's song of "Jessie's Dream." This was enthusiastically applauded, but although demands for an encore were frequent and loud, compliance with the desire of the audience was persistently refused. The trio, "Magic-weave Scarf," by Mr. Brett, Mr. Harding, and Miss Leaf, was also a very finished performance. Mr. Brett's fine baritone voice sounding very effectively throughout. Amongst the best selections in the second portion of the entertainment must be reckoned Mr. Harding's song, "Here upon my Vessel's Deck," and Mr. Reid's "Humorous Scottish Sketches." Both were encored vociferously. On the conclusion of the concert the hall was cleared for a ball, for which a very large number remained. The programme included twenty dances, and the Terpsichorean entertainment was kept up with spirit until an early hour in the morning.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, S.C.

A MEETING of delegates representing the Lodges under the Scottish Constitution of Masonry in the North Island of New Zealand was held on 31st May, in the St. Andrew's Lodge-room, Star Hotel, to take the steps necessary for the inauguration of a Provincial Grand Lodge. There were present: St. Andrew's Lodge (Auckland), represented by Bro. Walker R.W.M., and Bro. Ellison S.W.; Lodge Sir Walter Scott (Thames), represented by Bro. Murray R.W.M., and Bro. Tyler R.W.P.M.; Waterloo Lodge (Wellington), represented by Bro. the Rev. J. Hill R.W.P.M., and Bro. Brodie R.W.P.M.; Patea Kilwinning Lodge, represented by Bro. Dewar R.W.P.M., and Bro. Wilkinson S.W. (Lodge Sir Walter Scott); Lodge Manukau (Onehanga), represented by Bro. Niccol R.W.M. (and R.W.P.M. Lodge St. Andrew), and Bro. Henry Junior Warden.

The delegates having produced their credentials, on the motion of Bro. the Rev. J. Hill, Bro. Tyler was called to the chair. He read the minutes of the meeting held recently at his office, also copies of correspondence which had passed between the several Lodges relative to the appointment of delegates, &c., and said they were now met for the purpose of taking steps for constituting the Provincial Grand Lodge. He pointed out that the appointment of Grand Lodge Officers rested with Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker, and they could only recommend their appointment.

Bro. Hill said Bro. Whitaker had stated to him that he would endorse the appointment made by them as members of the Lodge.

The following nominations were made:—Bros. Dr. Johnson P.M. (of Wellington) G.W.D.M., Niccol P.M. (Auckland) G.S.M., Brodie P.M. (Thames) G.S.W., Hay P.M. G.J.W., Tyler P.M. G. Secretary, Gillon (Wellington) G.D. Secretary, Rev. J. Hill G. Chaplain, Rev. David Bruce G. Registrar, Rev. — Harvey (Wellington) G.D. Chaplain, Murray R.W.M. (Thames) G. Treasurer, Powles P.M. (Wellington) G.S.D., Ellison (Auckland) G.J.D., Anderson P.M. G. Architect, Whitson G. Bible Bearer, Dewar P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Capt. Fraser (Thames) Sword Bearer, H. Brett Director of Music, Dale (Patea) and Wilkinson (Thames) Grand Marshals, J. R. Henry (Onehanga) President of Stewards, (T. Rawden Thames) Grand Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Brodie P.M., it was agreed that the installation should take place at the Choral Hall, Auckland, at a time to be fixed by a committee to be appointed. On the question of ways and means for procuring regalia, &c., it was agreed that the lodges represented should become responsible for £100, and that the Secretary (Bro. Tyler) be instructed to write by the outgoing mail for the necessary jewels and regalia, the amount for which the Lodges became responsible to be made a first charge on the funds of the Grand Lodge.

Bros. Niccol, Brodie, Tyler, Hay, Hill, Brett and Dewar were appointed a committee, and empowered to make all arrangements for the inauguration of the Grand Lodge.

The date for the installation of the Hon. F. Whitaker as Provincial Grand Master of the North Island of New Zealand, under the Scotch Constitution of Freemasonry, has not yet been fixed, but it will not take place until after the close of the ensuing Parliamentary session. By that time the regalia and jewels for the Grand Lodge, for which an order has been sent home by the outgoing mail, will have arrived. The sister Lodges will, in the meantime, be communicated with by the committee appointed for carrying out the arrangements, and the inauguration and installation will be carried out in the most impressive manner. It has been suggested that Bro. Lazar, of the Wes Coast, who officiated at the installation of the late Bro. Sir Donald McLean as P.G.M. of the English Constitution, might be induced to come to Auckland and officiate in the same capacity on opening of our new Grand Lodge and the installation of its officers.

CHINESE CARVING.—For sale, an elaborately carved set of Ivory Chessmen. The Kings stand 3½ inches high, the other pieces in proportion. Knights and Pawns on horseback, and modeled on stand, with concentric balls. Can be seen, and full particulars obtained, on application, to W. W. Morgan, 46, Barbican.—Adv.

SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

ONE of those pleasant re-unions which, thanks to the untiring exertions of the Secretaries of our Institutions, have become a recognised feature in connection with the Charities, took place on Wednesday last, when several brethren and ladies paid a visit to the Benevolent Institution at Croydon. On the arrival of the party, some time was spent in looking over the building and grounds, the latter now tastefully laid out with the flowers so kindly presented by Dr. Strong, the Hon. Surgeon to the Institution. Tea was then served to the visitors, in the hall, after which the most important part of the evening's proceedings—viz., the entertainment of the old people, was proceeded with, and most successfully carried out under the direction of Bro. Terry. Bro. Seymour Smith opened the proceedings with a piano solo, and this was followed by a series of songs, &c., rendered by Madame Thaddens Wells, Mrs. Strong, Miss Terry, Miss Constable, the Misses Reeve, Bros. Seymour Smith, George Weige, T. Lawler jun., John Constable, James Stevens, J. J. Berry and C. J. Perceval. During the intervals between the songs, wine, cake, and fruit were handed round, and everything done to make the old people, as well as the visitors, as happy as possible. At the close of the entertainment Dr. Strong proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who had so kindly entertained them that evening; more especially were they indebted to their professional friends, Madame Thaddens Wells, Bros. Seymour Smith, George Weige, and T. Lawler jun., who had so kindly come down that day, and given their services for their amusement. They also must not forget their amateur friends, who, although perhaps not so proficient, were none the less earnest in their endeavours to entertain. Bro. Seymour Smith replied. He was glad their efforts to please had been successful. On his part, he was ever ready to repeat the dose whenever Dr. Strong or Bro. Terry thought it would prove for the good of the old people. He had pleasure in being able to propose thanks to their Secretary, Bro. Terry, who, as the originator of these periodical entertainments at the Benevolent Institution, was specially entitled to their thanks. This being cordially received, Brother Terry briefly acknowledged the compliment. He assured them that if any one was gratified it was he. He was very pleased to see, that day, several prominent brethren who had never visited the Institution before, as they would now be able to refer to it from personal knowledge. He concluded by thanking those who had exerted themselves so successfully. During the evening Bro. Terry had the pleasure to distribute to each of the annuitants a small present, consisting, in the case of the women, of a packet of tea, and in that of the men, of a packet of tobacco. These, we understand, were the gift of the Supreme Council, whose kindly consideration for our "old folks," as well as our Schools, is so conspicuous. Among those present were:—Bro., Mrs. and Miss Terry, Bro., Mrs. and Miss Constable, Dr. and Mrs. Stock, Bro., Mrs. and the Misses Reeve, Bro. and Mrs. Lacey, Bro. and Mrs. Percy, Bro. and Mrs. E. G. Legge, Bro. and Mrs. Bowyer, Bro. and Mrs. Halford, Bro. and Mrs. Berry; Bros. Webb, F. Cubitt, C. J. Perceval, J. Stevens, W. W. Morgan jun., H. Massey, G. Knill, &c.

CONSECRATION OF BOTHWELL CHAPTER, No. 170.

On Wednesday, 18th inst., Comp. F. A. Barrow, Provincial Grand Superintendent of Lanarkshire, held a Provincial Grand Chapter in St. Mark's Hall, Uddingstone, at 7 p.m., for the purpose of consecrating a new Chapter, and installing its officers. The Chapter was opened by Comp. Barrow Z., assisted by Comps. J. Mitchel P.G.H., D. Ranald Z. 67 as P.G.J., James Balfour P.G. Scribe E., G. W. Wheeler P.G.S.N., T. M. Campbell 1st P.G. Soj., G. McDonald 2nd P.G. Soj., G. Muir Z. 87 as 3rd P.G. Soj., James Dunthie P.G.S. of W. There was a good attendance of members of the various Chapters in Glasgow, and after a suitable address from the P.G. Superintendent, he proceeded to instal the officers of the new Chapter, as follow:—Comps. J. Short Z., James Patrick H., Robert Minto J., W. C. Ross Scribe E., J. Bryden Scribe N., H. J. Shield 33° Treasurer, W. Micklejohn 1st Soj., Robert McNeil 2nd Soj., A. Paisley 3rd Soj. Comp. Short Z. of 170 then returned thanks on behalf of the newly installed officers, and also thanked the Provincial Grand Superintendent and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers for their attendance. The P.G.Z. again expressed his pleasure at the progress that Royal Arch Masonry is making in the Province.

From a private letter we learn, that Masonry in New Zealand is very flourishing. At the Southern Star Lodge, on Tuesday, 29th May, four desirable candidates were elected, and at the Tatalgar Royal Arch Chapter, which met a few days afterwards, there were five candidates for exaltation.

We have pleasure in announcing that the M.W.G.M. has consented to form the Province of Auckland, the North of New Zealand, into a separate Masonic District, under the Mastership, of George Samuel Graham, Esq., J.P., of Auckland.

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, 21st JULY.

Audit Committee, Boys' School.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 23rd JULY.

174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 8.
48—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
588—St. Botolph, Corn-exchange, Sleaford.
703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
1168—Benevolence, Town Hall, Sherborne.
1448—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1486—Duncombe, King's Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge, Devon.
1564—St. John's, Prince of Wales Tavern, Knaphill, Surrey.
1675—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.
M. M. 148—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.

TUESDAY, 24th JULY.

Audit Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
880—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.)
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle. (Inst.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.

WEDNESDAY, 25th JULY.

193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (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—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1039—St. John's, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1119—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.

THURSDAY, 26th JULY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE SOUTH WALES (Western Division), Pembroke Dock.
General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
87—Viruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, 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.)
1488—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Romford.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 424—De Burghi, Freemason's Hall, West-street, Gateshead.

FRIDAY, 27th JULY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE HERTS, Wood-street, Barnet.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Counts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, Barford-street, N.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SATURDAY, 28th JULY.

1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

308—Prince George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
408—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
R. A. 827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury, Yorks.

TUESDAY.

1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

WEDNESDAY.

258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, 4 George-street, Leeds.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Pontefract.
1283—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby-bridge.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

THURSDAY.

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
94—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
1514—Thornhill, Deara House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.

FRIDAY.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1034—Ecclesham, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesham.
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.
K. T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

SATURDAY.

149—St. Peter, Swan Hotel, Wolverhampton.
1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—349—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, 429 High-street.
R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—112—St. John, Fisher-row, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.
THURSDAY—392—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.
FRIDAY—223—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

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—581—Plantation, 207 Craighall-street.
TUESDAY—187—St. John Carlisle, Black Bull Inn, Carlisle.
R. A. 67—Cathedral, 22 Struthers-street.
WEDNESDAY—112—St. John Fisherrow, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.
137—St. John's, Queen's Hotel, Blairgowrie.
505—Burns' St. Mary, Commercial Inn, Hurlford.
510—Maryhill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill.
532—Rothies, Town Hall, Leslie, at 7 o'clock.
R. A. 73—Caledonian of Unity, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
THURSDAY—Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, Quarterly Communication, 213 Buchanan-street.
252—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Thornhill, at 7 o'clock.
312—Bruce and Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, Bannockburn.
334—St. John's, Castle Inn, New umnock.
R. A. 117—Govan, Partland Hall, Govan.
FRIDAY—153—Royal Arch, Cogan-street, Pollockshaw, at 7 o'clock.
195—St. John's, Lenox Arms, Campsie, at 6 o'clock.
244—Union, Black Bull, Stonehouse.
347—St. John Operative, Freemasons' Hall, Cathcart-st., Rutherglen.
399—Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilburnie.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire (M.W.)—This Provincial Grand Lodge held its usual quarterly meeting in the Masonic Hall, Motherwell, on Tuesday last. Bro. J. C. Forrest, P.G.M. elect, presiding, C. Spalding S.W., K. Kelso J.W., &c., &c. In consequence of part of the business of the meeting being to make arrangements for the installation of Bro. Forrest, as Provincial Grand Master, there was a good attendance of members. Bro. Forrest intimated that he intended to appoint by commission the following office-bearers:—Bros. A. G. Simpson of No. 31 as D.P.G.M., James Mackie of No. 7 as S.P.G.W., C. Spalding of No. 7 as S.W., C. Johnstone of No. 166 J.W., Dickson of No. 471 Chap., W. McMurdo of No. 305 as Sec., which announcement was received with enthusiasm by the brethren. A committee, consisting of the R.W. Masters of the 19 Lodges in the Province, was appointed to carry out the arrangements for the installation. Bro. H. Inglis D.G.M. is expected to instal.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—Met on Thursday, the 19th July, at Bro. Hallows's, the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Claridge W.M., Hunt S.W., F. G. Hallows J.W., Saunders Sec., Pinder Preceptor Treas., Groome S.D., Upward J.D., Burr I.G.; also Bros. Christian, Brown, W. G. Hallows, Gripps, Alloway. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brown acting as candidate. Bro. Christian worked the 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Alloway of Ley Spring Lodge, and Bro. Gripps of Guelph Lodge were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Hunt was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge closed.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday evening last, 19th July, at 7.30. Present—Bros. Maidwell W.M., Ellis S.W., Hewlett J.W., Grammer S.D. and Secretary, Frazer I.G., Barnes P.M., &c. The ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, Bro. Webb acting as candidate. Bro. Hewlett gave the Traditional History. The first and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Ellis, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Ellis was elected W.M. for next Thursday. The Lodge was then closed.

Glasgow Chapter, No. 50.—Held its usual monthly meeting on Thursday, 12th inst., Comp. W. Bell Z. presided, and opened in the Mark Degree, with Comps. Brownlie as S.W., and A. Mercer as J.W. He apologised for the absence of both the Scribes who were on the Continent for their holiday, and Comp. J. M. Oliver P.J. and Scribe E. of 79, kindly consented to act as Scribe E. Comp. G. Muir, Z. of Chapter 87, asked permission to have a candidate exalted, as he would be leaving Scotland prior to the meeting of 87; this was readily granted, and that degree was conferred on Bro. John F. Anderson. Comp. Muir the Z. having to leave, Comp. Duthie, Past Z. of 67, took the chair, and opened a most excellent Lodge, when Bro. Anderson received that degree. The Chapter was then opened by Comp. Geo. Muir Z. of 87 as Z., G. W. Wheeler Z. of 73 as H., T. Brownlie P.J. of 50 as J., A. Mercer 1st S. of 87 as 1st S., A. Holmes 2nd, and D. Hodge 3rd, when the same brother was duly exalted by Comp. Muir, who, at the close of the ceremony, thanked the members of Chapter 50 for allowing him the privilege, and also Comp. Wheeler of 73, Oliver of 79, and Brownlie of 50, for the assistance they had rendered him. Comp. Brownlie, as senior officer of 50 present, replied, expressing the pleasure they felt in obliging a sister Chapter.

Frederick of Unity Lodge, No. 452.—This Lodge held its third meeting of the year, on Tuesday, the 17th of July, at the Greyhound, Croydon. Present—Bros. A. T. Jeffery W.M., Magnus Ohren P.M. Soc. as S.W., Charles H. Edmonds J.W., James Robins P.M. Treasurer, Charles Pawley S.D., Edwin E. Sugg J.D., J. W. Sugg P.M. D.C., George Robins and J. F. T. W. Rogers Stewards, Frederick A. Manning I.G., C. T. Speight Tyler: P.M.'s Bros. D. W. Sugg, Wm. George Hunter, Astyanax Brattle, D. R. Wise and E. T. Zohrab. Visitor—Bro. Arthur C. Moore. Harmonic 216, P.M. Business of the day comprised the raising of Bros. Hunter and Brattle; the passing of Bro. D. R. Wise. The sum of £5 5s, voted to the Provincial Grand Secretary's Testament Fund, was confirmed. The Secretary reported the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, at Farnham, on 10th inst., and that the R.W. the Prov. G.M. had done their Lodge the honour of selecting one of its members for Grand office, namely, Bro. J. W. Sugg P.M. as S.D., and that Bro. F. A. Manning was appointed Grand Steward. The Treasurer reported balance in hand, to that day, as £77 10s 5d. with no liabilities. The meeting was then adjourned to the third Tuesday in August, which will be the last meeting of the season.

East Surrey of Concord Chapter, No. 463.—This Chapter was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 18th inst. Comp. C. H. Woodward P.Z. presiding as M.E.Z. There were also present Comps. Grombridge, D. B. Woodward, Gale, Dickin, Owens, and several other companions. Bro. J. L. Cooper, Addiscombe Lodge, having been introduced, was exalted in a very able manner by C. H. Woodward Z. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to banquet, which was presided over by the M.E.Z., and served in Bro. Budden's usual good style.

Panmure Lodge, No. 723.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Wellington Hotel, on 10th inst., at seven o'clock. Business—Four initiations, three passings and one raising, the working of which, in the absence of the W.M., was ably performed by Bro. P.M. Gold.

St. John's Lodge, No. 795.—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, 18th inst., at the Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead. Thanks to the Secretary of the Great Western Railway Company, a saloon carriage had been provided for the brethren who came from town. On the assembling of the Lodge the chair was taken by Bro. Pinto Leite W.M., W. Sharp J.W. and Treasurer, H. H. Hodges P.P.S.G.W. Berks and Bucks Secretary, G. Bubb P.M., W. J. Blake S.D., Bell J.D., O. Fitz George I.G., and Bros. Blake, Corone and Preston. The minutes having been confirmed, Messrs. John Rogers, Rodney Pooley, and Dr. Robert Webb, for whom ballots had previously been taken, were, by the courtesy of the W.M., duly initiated into the Order by Bro. G. Bubb P.M. 180, perfectly and impressively. A banquet was provided by Bro. Deacon, that gave great satisfaction. The usual Loyal toasts were given. Bro. Hodges responded for the R.W. Prov. G.M., Sir Daniel Gooch, and Bro. Herbert M. Sydney, No. 1627, in a capital speech, replied for the Visitors. A very delightful and agreeable day was passed, and the brethren returned to town.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 17th of July, at the Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. E. T. Worsley Sec. W.M., G. Weige S.W., G. Johnson J.W., W. J. Smith S.D., Lorkin J.D., J. Pavitt I.G., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Webster, Brown, Christian, Sanders, Barker, &c. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Brown acting as candidate. Bro. Smith worked the 1st section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Wallington gave the traditional history. Bro. May 1091 was elected a member. Bro. Weige was unanimously appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, and advanced officers in rotation.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, 1227.—At Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 13th inst. Present—Bros. Andrews W.M., A. W. Fenner S.W., Cave J.W., Hewlett S.D., Lane I.G., Smith, Bolton, &c. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Fenner worked the 1st, and the W.M. the 2nd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Smith answered the questions leading to the

2nd degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in 2nd degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., in his usual excellent manner, Bro. Smith acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the 1st section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge closed in 2nd degree. Bro. Fenner was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until Friday, the 20th inst.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 1261.—An Emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 10th July, at the Masonic Rooms, Air-street, Regent-street. Bro. Perry Godfrey W.M., Longley S.W., Wolfsky as J.W., J. Lewis S.D., Emdin J.D., Vyse as I.G. The Lodge was opened and Bro. Abnd was raised, and Bros. Cox and Palmer were passed, in a careful and impressive manner. Bro. Payne, Organist to the Lodge, by his playing, added solemnity to the ceremonies. After the Lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to St. James's Hall, where a very excellent dinner was provided by Bro. Grieve. This being an emergency meeting, the W.M. ruled that no toasts should be given, but an enjoyable evening was passed, and before leaving the W.M. was complimented by the brethren and visitors for his excellent working. Among the latter were Bros. H. Maggeridge P.M., Cross P.M., Wilkin, Walter Vyse, &c.

Lebanon Chapter, No. 1326.—The installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. Comps. W. Hammond Z., H. A. Dubois H., E. Hopwood J., W. Smeed P.Z., F. Walters P.Z. S.E., E. Gilbert S.N., J. B. Shackleton D.C., B. Meyer, H. Meyer, &c. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of the former Convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. W. Smeed P.Z. installed Comps. H. A. Dubois Z., E. Hopwood H., E. Gilbert J., S. Wickens P.Z. Treas., F. Walters P.Z. S.E., J. Hammond S.N., Rev. P. M. Holden P.S., W. Mitchell 1st Assist., J. B. Shackleton 2nd Assist., J. Gilbert Janitor. A very elegant P.Z.'s jewel, of the value of ten guineas, subscribed from the Chapter funds, was presented to the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. W. Hammond, for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair. The Chapter was then closed, and a capital banquet followed. The usual loyal and R.A. toasts were given, and the Companions separated. The Visitors were Comps. J. Stevens P.Z. and T. Price 946.

Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, on 12th instant, at six o'clock, Bro. Smith W.M. Business—Three initiations, two passings, and one raising, which working was performed by the W.M.

Era Chapter, No. 1423.—The regular Convocation was held at the Island Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 14th inst. Comps. T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S. Middlesex as Z., E. H. Thiellay P.G.S.B. H., F. Walters P.P.G. 1st Assistant S.E., H. A. Dubois P.Z. Treasurer, T. C. Watts 1st Assistant, J. Faulkner 2nd Assistant, J. W. Baldwin W.S. The Chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed. Ballots were successfully taken for the admission of Bros. T. G. Tagg 1423, T. W. Ockenden 1512, and J. Aastine 1569, and the ceremony was beautifully and impressively rendered. The By-laws of the Chapter were discussed, and the Chapter was closed until the 8th September. An excellent banquet was provided, and the usual toasts given. Bro. W. Smead P.Z. 946 was present as a visitor.

United Service Lodge, No. 1428.—The ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master of this Lodge for the ensuing year took place on Friday evening, when there was a very large attendance of brethren at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, upwards of 150 being present during the evening. The installation was conducted by Bro. Mark E. Frost W.M. 1069, and Prov. Grand Treasurer, the Wardens' chairs being occupied by Bros. F. Pineo Prov. Junior Grand Warden, and E. G. Holbrook Prov. G. Registrar. Bro. H. W. Townsend, the W.M. elect, was presented to the installing Master by Bro. J. Lind P.M., and the impressive ritual of the ceremony was rendered by Bro. Frost, in his usual able manner. Among the P.M.'s and W.M.'s present were Bros. Tuohy and Lind P.M.'s 1428, J. Lillywhite P.P.G.R., G. H. DeFraine P.P.G.D., W. H. Rastrick P.P.G.D., G. Rake P.P.G. Supt. Works, J. Maltby P.P.G.S.B., A. Cudlipp P.P.G.D.C., F. Court W.M. 257, S. R. Ellis P.M. 342, H. J. Guy W.M. 342, G. Bond W.M. 437, J. Clay W.M. 804, J. Cole W.M. 928, C. B. Whitcomb, R. V. Brown, and A. L. Emanuel. The other visitors included Bros. G. F. Sherman P.G. Steward, J. E. Ivimey J.W. 1069, Payne S.W. 342, Palsgrave I.G. 487, C. E. Kelway, C. Townsend, &c. The W.M. having been duly installed, was saluted by the Installed Masters, and subsequently by the whole of the brethren. At close of the installation the W.M. appointed his officers. Bros. S. G. T. Bourke I.P.M., Leggett S.W., Williams J.W., G. N. Godwin Chaplain, Woodward Secretary, J. Mares Treasurer, Johns S.D., Strick J.D., Lind P.M. D.C., Wilton Organist, May I.G., Nelder and Walton Stewards, Haynes and Vinnicombe Tylers. The various charges of the installation ceremony were given by Bro. Frost, those to the Wardens being delivered by Bro. Tuohy. At 7 p.m. the Lodge closed, and a most *recherché* banquet was served in the hall, about 140 being present. The Worshipful Master presided, supported by the majority of the brethren who attended the Lodge. The catering gave unqualified satisfaction, and the tables were profusely decorated with flowers and plants, from Messrs. Cripps and Sons, of Queen-street, Portsea, who also supplied the choice dessert. One of the most successful meetings ever held in the borough was brought to a close about 11 p.m., the usual Masonic toasts having been duly honoured during the evening. The financial position of the United Service Lodge is highly satisfactory, the total assets being £161 7s, notwith-

standing votes amounting to nearly £100 in aid of charity during the past year, including £10 10s to the Thunderer Relief Fund, and £50 to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.—This flourishing Lodge, which has yet been scarcely three years in existence, held its third Summer Festival, at the Castle Hotel, Windsor, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. T. Williams, who was assisted by the following Stewards:—Bros. J. J. Michael, R. T. Kingham, J. Douglass, J. Willing jun., W. M. Stiles, C. J. Scales, W. Side, G. Colls, H. Stiles, G. Clark, J. S. Raney, R. Tuck, &c. The day being a very fine one, several of the party came down by road. On arriving at Windsor, the majority went to Virginia Water, and then adjourned to the Castle Hotel, where a sumptuous and *recherrché* dinner and dessert was provided by the worthy host, Bro. Fleck, whose catering received the well-merited approbation of the brethren and visitors. Bro. Williams ably occupied the chair; he was supported by the S.W. of the Lodge, Bro. Kingham, while the J.W.'s chair was filled by Bro. Douglass. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the toasts. He spoke of the pleasure they derived from their visit to the royal borough, where the Queen was then staying. He referred to the grant of Grand Lodge for two lifeboats to commemorate the return of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. He hoped these boats would be the means of saving many valuable lives. He was sure the mere mention of the name of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales would cause every heart to beat with gratitude. That noble lady, whose sympathy with all classes had endeared her to us, was beloved by the whole nation. Bro. J. J. Michael proposed the toast of the W.M. of the Lodge. He would say: Give honour to whom honour is due. Honour was due to the W.M., and all must compliment him for the manner he had performed the duties of the chair. Bro. Williams was a credit to the Lodge, an honour to the Craft, and he had given satisfaction to them all. We have with us to-day ladies and non-Masons; he was sure that every lady and gentleman present would drink health, long life, and prosperity to their W.M., his wife, and family. (Cheers.) Bro. Williams thanked Bro. Michael and all present for their kind expressions; he was pleased to hear that his efforts to do all he could for them in the Lodge had met with the approbation of the brethren. He would call their attention to the claims of the aged, the girls, and the boys. Though at a large cost, all were cared for, and they were well supported by the voluntary contributions of the brethren. He should always consider his presidency of that day as a great honour. He was pleased to see so many ladies and brethren present, and he hoped to see even a more numerous assembly when his successor should be in the chair. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s, they were but two, yet we have had valuable assistance from them; they are ready and willing at all times to do all they can for the interests of the Lodge. Bro. James Willing jun. returned thanks. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the visitors, whom they were all pleased to see. They had indeed been honoured by the presence of the ladies; he would call on Mr. Low to respond. This gentleman said, he was not a Freemason, yet he hoped to become a member of the Order shortly. He was greatly pleased with the remarks of the chairman in reference to the Charities. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Officers. The S.W. had been obliged to leave, yet he was pleased to see among them Bro. J. Douglass, the J.W. They were all that could be desired. As for the Stewards, he need not say they had done their duty in every respect, and he hoped all present would drink the toast heartily. Bro. J. Douglass said he had hoped Bro. Stiles would have returned thanks. He owed him a debt of gratitude for the able manner in which he had looked after the interests of the Lodge, and he had to thank him for his kind attention. Bro. W. H. Stiles was only too pleased to look after their very modest requirements. The gathering of to-day had been a great success; he was pleased at this; it was not only a pleasure, but a duty, to do all they possibly could for the welfare of the brethren. The toast of the Ladies was next given, and responded to by Bro. Stiles. This was followed by the Press, to which Bro. H. M. Levy replied. The W.M. said, before the brethren separated, he had a toast to propose, that he was sure would meet with their approbation; that was the health of their worthy host, Bro. Fleck, who had catered to their great satisfaction; he hoped it would not be for the last time. Every attention had been paid to the brethren and visitors, who all expressed their gratification; nothing more could be desired. Bro. Fleck thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks. No effort should be wanting on his part, at any time, so long as he received the praise of those who honoured him. He was pleased that his efforts had given satisfaction. Tea and coffee was then served, and the ladies and brethren returned to town, with the hope of meeting at many future gatherings.

PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

AS regards the present issue of the *New Quarterly*, we have seen few numbers more to our taste. The contents are sufficiently varied in character; the quality of the writing is excellent, and the matter is light and agreeable, without in the slightest degree approaching the frivolous. Mr. John Latouche heads the list of contributions with a continuation of those pleasant sketches of Portuguese life, as it presents itself to the eyes of the tourist; to which he has given the title of "The Tourist in Portugal." Each sketch is complete in itself, and in the present one Mr. Latouche takes the reader with him on an excursion from Lisbon to Setubal and Troia. The whole journey out and home occupies only thirty-six hours, but in that brief period we see, under the writer's guidance, as much of the localities and of the habits of the natives as we might do under the

guidance of some travellers in a month. And then the genial, chatty style of the narrative makes it all so thoroughly enjoyable. "The Peak in Darien: the Riddle in Death," by Frances Power Cobbe, contains sundry illustrations of a certain class of death-bed scene. As in each case the vision which the dying person sees is one of happiness, there is nothing painful in the paper, nor are the instances too numerous. Fiction has, as usual, two representatives, and very admirably they play their parts. The first is "The Countess von Labanoff: or, the Three Lovers"; the other "The Case of General Ople and Lady Camper." The materials are very slight in both instances, but upon these slight bases both Mr. R. Hengist Horne in the former story, and Mr. George Meredith in the latter, have succeeded in constructing two very readable tales. Mr. R. Jefferies contributes a good paper on "The Future of Country Society." It may be regarded as the *pièce de résistance* of the number. Mr. Jefferies treats his subject at great length, passing under review the tone and feeling which distinguish rural from urban society, and in doing so he carefully notes the changes that have taken place, while pointing to those which it cannot be doubted are likely to come, or, perhaps we should say, appear to be inevitable. It is a most successful performance, Mr. Jefferies, and we thank you for your very sensible essay. Articles on "The Literary Aspects of Schopenhauer's Work," and "Edgar Allen Poe" complete the table of contents.

We have received No. XI. of *The Countries of the World*, which commences the second volume of this excellent publication. We are still in the North Pacific region of the United States. The principal illustrations are those of "A Mining Camp on a North-West American River," "Mining 'Cement' by the Hydraulic Process," "Sacramento Street, San Francisco," and "Stage Coach starting from a Railway Station in Western America." The narrative gives a full and particular account of life in California and the country round about, and is especially interesting as regards the mode of living in force among the mining population. As we advance into other States and territories, no doubt we shall find much that will prove attractive reading, but we doubt if it will prove more attractive than the pictures of Californian life with which Dr. Brown has favoured us in this and the preceding number.

The commencement of a new serial story and a series of "Miniature Stories for Midsummer Reading" constitute the novelties in *Cassell's Family Magazine*. The title of the former is "Stone Steps and Wooden Streets," and though it were unwise to hazard an opinion thus early, the style in which the opening chapters are written warrants our forming "great expectations" of those that are to follow. The Midsummer Stories are pleasant reading. Mr. Edward Oxenford contributes one of the best things in the number—an account of "A Voyage on the Thames"—a water trip from Teddington to Oxford. Very pleasantly does he describe the scenes and scenery he passes on his way up the river. His concluding sentence is worth giving. "Fresh air, fresh scenes, and fresh water are," he writes, "three great things in life, and all of them are to be met with in abundance in a voyage on the Thames." We may add that Mr. Oxenford can describe as well as appreciate the second of these, and evidently enjoys the other two. Among the other contents, we would call our readers' attention to "A Family Doctor's" directions, *re*. "Adulteration of Food, How to Detect," to a very sensible paper on the "Physical Education of Women," and to the review by Major Hough of Lieut.-Col. Jas. Baker's *Turkey in Europe*, under the title of "An Anglo-Turkish Gentleman Farmer." Mr. Henry Frith writes pleasantly of "A Walk in the Lake District," and the Rev. M. G. Watkins discourses as learnedly as he does genially about "How to Catch a Trout." Mr. James Mason contributes an article on "Japanese Fans," and Mr. G. Manville Fenn is the author of a paper entitled "Workers by Night." Mr. Fenn writes well enough to strike out a line of his own.

The *Leisure Hour* is distinguished by the commencement of a new serial story, with the title of "His Only Enemy." We refrain from passing any judgment on it as yet, save to the extent of remarking that "His Only Enemy" makes a very good start, and that augurs well of his future career. The papers on "Dr. Schliemann's Greek Antiquities" will prove among the most attractive part of the whole programme. In addition, we have a well-told story, "The Evil Deed Will Out," dating back to the days when stealing was a hanging matter, an article describing the various kinds of "Military Courts-Martial," the first of a number of what will doubtless prove an admirable series of sketches of "Yorkshire Abbeys," some "Curious Anecdotes connected with Hats," and the continuation of Miss Isabella Bird's "Australia Felix, Impressions of Victoria," and of the papers on "New Helps for Hospitals." In this latter instance, the "Dispensaries" come under notice. "London on Wheels," "A Strange Dorsetshire Squire," "Farming in Palestine," and "The Great Smith Family" are well worth reading.

In the *Sunday at Home* Mrs. Prosser's excellent story of "Number Twenty-Nine" is continued; so are the "Pictures from Jewish Life," by J. Alexander; the late Rev. R. Demaus's papers on "The English Bible," and "Welsh Peasant Sketches." These, with the first part of Professor Porter's account of "A Recent Journey East of the Jordan," and "A Cornish Legend," are the principal features in a very good number. The illustrations—and notably the coloured frontispiece, entitled "Summer Shade"—are capitally drawn.

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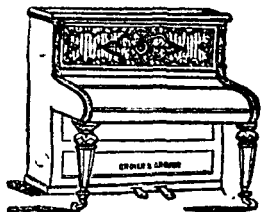
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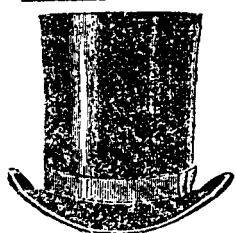
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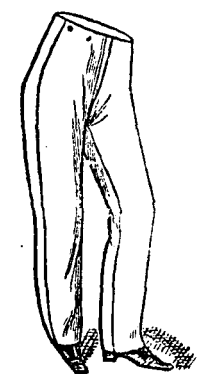
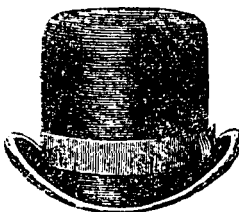
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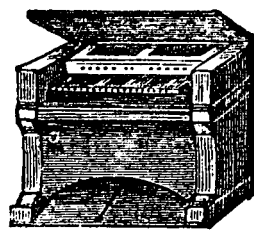
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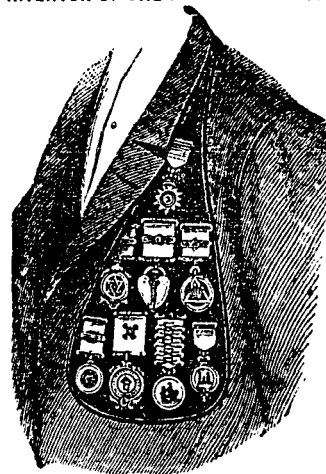
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