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## THE CONDUCT OF LODGES.

ON more than one occasion during the past few weeks have we thought it worth while to draw the attention of our readers to what, in our opinion, constitute either grave departures from the laws and regulations of Freemasonry or serious blots on the conduct of Lodges or members. We began by treating of the important question of "Proposing Candidates." We then passed to the "Ballot," and commented on sundry abuses which are rumoured, on good authority, to have taken place. Last week, we referred at some length to a series of difficulties which had occurred in a Lodge in one of the remoter Districts subordinate to our Grand Lodge. We do not care to be always harping on one string; but the fact that not one, but several irregularities, varying of course in degree and kind, have latterly occurred, and that, in more than one instance, they have been severely condemned by high Masonic dignitaries is a sufficient justification for our touching once again on the conduct of Lodges, while there is a likelihood of the circumstances being well within the recollection of our readers. Two principal reasons impel us to adopt this course. If the present rate of increase in the number of our Lodges is maintained, there will be an addition to our Roll of something like a hundred Lodges per annum. It is, therefore, the more important that proper caution should be exercised, so as to prevent unworthy persons being admitted into our ranks, while it becomes more necessary than ever that the laws which govern our Society should be strictly enforced. Where the admission of new members is so laxly regarded as to amount almost to a matter of form, it is certain that some persons will be received as members who will give trouble to the rulers of their Lodges and foment endless discords. The necessity for this caution is obvious to all who have the real interests of the Craft at heart, and none are more earnest in impressing this necessity on the minds of Craftsmen than the different brethren to whom is most commonly entrusted the duty of consecrating new Lodges. These are invariably members of great ability and experience, and, therefore, the advice they tender carries, or ought to carry, all the greater weight. Unfortunately, there is an old saying to the effect that wisdom cries aloud in the streets, and no one heedeth her; and this is found to hold good in Masonic as well as in other communities. The sage counsels of our ablest authorities do not receive that degree of attention to which they are justly entitled, and sooner or later it will happen that the interests of the Craft will suffer. With a greater number of Lodges there is, of course, a prospect of more differences and disputes arising, though there is no reason why this should follow as of course. The laws which have been enacted for the government of the Craft are clear, precise, and sufficient; and the exhortations to observe them, if strictly heeded, as they deserve to be, should have a deterrent effect, and make it well nigh impossible for any peril to overtake us.

What, for instance, can be clearer than the law as to the proposal of candidates either for initiation or joining? And yet, as we made it manifest in our article on the subject, it is continually being set at naught or evaded. Seven days' notice is, in too many instances, all that members have that Mr. A.B.C., of whom personally he knows nothing, is a candidate for initiation, or Bro. X.Y.Z. will be proposed for election as a joining member. Inquiry under these circumstances is out of the question, or

becomes a mere farce. The recommendation of the proposing members is taken as sufficient, and a Lodge finds itself plus a brace of members, who may, or who may not, prove worthy of the honour conferred upon them. As was well remarked the other day at the consecration of the Evening Star Lodge, it is not enough to know that a candidate is in reputable circumstances. Something, likewise, should be known of his temperament and habits, which may or may not be commendable. Mr. A.B.C. may be honourable in his business and well-circumstanced, but he may likewise be morose or spiteful in his nature; he may be of a querulous or even quarrelsome disposition, and his admission into a society, which is nothing if not harmonious in its acts and feelings, becomes an unmitigated evil. Had proper time been allowed for making the needful inquiries, the Lodge would have been spared the intrusion—for election at that short notice is nothing more—of one with whom it was difficult, or it may be impossible to agree. There is a well known proverb about certain people who marry in haste and repent of the unfortunate step they have taken at leisure. Here we have the hasty admission of a troublesome member, and there is no option but to repent at leisure of the mistake we have committed. If one unworthy brother, who will not permit himself to be repressed, can work unspeakable mischief to a Lodge, it is surely not too much to ask that the provisions of this law, which are sufficient for all purposes, should be rigidly observed. Were this done, were there no hasty propulsion, as from a catapult, of candidates into our midst, we should be spared much unpleasantness. We do not say there would be absolutely no disagreements, no quarrels, no malice, but we should certainly escape many which now occur. For instance, the P.M. who declared publicly, with all the foul-mouthed emphasis of which he was master, that he would black-ball every candidate for admission into his Lodge, should have undergone a closer inspection into his character and antecedents; had the necessary care been taken when he himself was proposed as a candidate, the chances are some evidence of his vicious temper would have come to light. In such case, there is little doubt the requisite number of black-balls would have been cast, and that the Lodge of which he is now a member would have known him not. Similarly, had due caution been exercised in other Lodges, we should have been spared the record of much unseemly conduct, of schisms existing in comparatively young Lodges, of spiteful inuendoes, uttered in direct violation of our precepts, behind a brother's back. There would be comparatively little or no cliquism, whereas we are afraid to say how much of it now prevails, and in how many quarters. We are by no means of opinion that our present rate of increase is an unmixed good. On the contrary, we are fully persuaded that, unless the letter and the spirit of our Constitutions are more readily and more generally obeyed, this increase, of which some speak so boastfully, will be very detrimental to the Fraternity.

One other point, of which the circumstances described to us last week by a correspondent are an illustration, must be noted. We allude to the ignorance of our laws which prevails so commonly among those to whom we are expected to look for enlightenment. Can it for one moment be imagined that such a concatenation of deplorable events could have happened in any Lodge, no matter how remotely situated from head-quarters, had the officers of Victoria in Burmah possessed a reasonable acquaintance with the Constitutions? What were the circumstances on which we commented? A brother was appointed Warden

when it was impossible he could serve the full period as prescribed by law. He absented himself from his duties. In due time his eligibility to the Mastership was called in question, but the Master ruled in his favour, and he was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, by the narrow majority of 13 to 11 votes. A series of squabbles ensued, as, indeed, might have been expected. The ruling of the W.M. was appealed against, but the appeal was rejected on the ground of disrespectful language. A second appeal was submitted, but was decided adversely to the appellants. Meanwhile, countercharges against the latter had been made and adjudicated on, and five of the six appellants excluded from this Lodge; and, to crown the whole, the D.D.G.M. has declined to interfere on behalf of the excluded brethren. It is seldom the lot of a Masonic journal to record a series of such disastrous events; and though the opposite version, when it reaches us, may give a different complexion to the whole matter, it is impossible to escape the belief, that had the officers of the Lodge known what our laws and regulations prescribed, these objectionable charges and countercharges would never have happened. The least we have a right to expect of those who aspire to high office is, that they will learn their duties and fulfil them. If they are not willing to comply with this reasonable expectation, let them have the grace to remain in obscurity, where, if they cannot do much to promote the welfare of Freemasonry, they will at least have small chance of rendering it a dis-service.

## MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 49.)

### AN INSTALLING MASTER.

"Thou hast been

As one, in suffering all, that suffers nothing;  
A man, that fortune's buffets and rewards  
Has ta'en with equal thanks: and blest are those,  
Whose blood and judgment are so well co-mingled,  
That they are not a pipe for fortune's finger  
To sound what stop she please."

**B**RETHREN who have a longer and more intimate acquaintance with Freemasonry than we are enabled to boast of, must be well aware that in continuing our series of sketches from week to week the difficulty we have to encounter is not in finding suitable subjects. It matters little to what direction we turn, whether to the Metropolis or to the Provinces, to the North or to the South, to the East or to the West, we shall always find at least a score or two of brethren who may be written down as admirable representatives of the Craft. They will have many features in common, and, consequently, there will to a certain extent be noticeable in their portraits what may familiarly be called a strong family likeness. On the other hand, the idiosyncrasies which necessarily distinguish them each from the other will enable our readers to discover the originals without much difficulty. So far all is plain sailing in the task we have undertaken. Our chief care is to select from the multitude of worthies whose names are brought under our notice men who have achieved some special distinction, be it among the rank and file, so to speak, or among those to whom the governance of our Craft is from time to time entrusted; so that, in praising the services of one, we may avoid offering anything approaching even to a slight to others who may consider themselves, and no doubt are, his equals in point of merit. And even in this we find no small amount of embarrassment, for there are many more brethren whose career has been distinguished in some special manner than we are ever likely to find room for. So many new names suggest themselves, or are suggested, that even though we should attain the age of Methuselah, we shall still find a stray brother or two whose portrait has been accidentally omitted. However, in the fulfilment of our duties we trust we shall be able to regard the future with equanimity. Our earnest desire is, as we have said already, to make our present series of portraits as truly representative as possible, and no one, we imagine, will begrudge the brother whose sketch we are about to present to the kindly criticism of our readers his place in our roll of Masonic worthies. His connection with our society has been a long as well as a distinguished one, and a few weeks hence he will be able to celebrate what—if the term may be applied to a brother's connection with the Craft—is known as his "silver wedding." Early next month he will have completed 25 years

of honourable service in the ranks of the Craft, having been initiated into our mysteries on the 12th October 1852, in the Lodge of Israel, No. 205—then No. 247. In due course he was raised to the sublime degree, and having served the office of Warden, was elected to fill the chair as W. Master, and formally installed as such on the 9th January 1855. Such rapid progress as this in the Royal Art is evidence that from the very beginning our brother set himself resolutely to work to fathom our mysteries. That he was successful in carrying out his resolution is amply shown by the further distinctions he has since had conferred upon him; but his zeal and ability must have been unusually conspicuous, or he would never have attained the highest position in his Lodge after so short a connection with the Craft. The year following, he was both exalted and advanced, the former distinction being gained in the Royal Arch Chapter of Concord, No. 394, Southampton, and the latter in the Albany Lodge, No. 176, Newport, Isle of Wight. In 1857, we find him elected to fill a minor office, that of Pursuivant, in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire; but this was merely a stepping-stone to still further advancement, for in the year 1858 he rose to be Grand Director of Ceremonies in the same Province; in 1859 and 1860 he was Prov. G. Registrar, in 1861 Prov. Grand Junior Warden, his Wiltshire honours culminating in 1864, when the Prov. G. Master conferred on him the honour of the Prov. G. S. Wardenship. He had already given further proof of his zeal by helping, in 1856, to promote the foundation of the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663, Devizes, and was chosen its W. Master in 1863. A few years later, and we find him settled at Reading, in the heart of that Province in which the most arduous portion of his official Masonic services have been rendered. But whether he hailed from the Metropolis, from Hants, from Wilts, or from Berks, our brother was not one who ever allowed the grass to grow beneath his feet. No long time had passed when, thanks to the initiative taken by him and other zealous Craftsmen, Reading was able to boast a second Masonic Lodge; the Grey Friars, No. 1101, being founded in 1866 under his and their auspices. Our brother has held various offices in this lodge, among them that of Treasurer; while during 1866 and 1867 he acted as Immediate Past Master, and in that capacity had the honour of initiating Bro. G. J. Shaw Lefevre, one of the members for the borough. In May 1869, when Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P. was installed as P.G.M. of Berks and Bucks, he appointed our worthy brother to be the Grand Secretary of the Province, and it is only a month or two since that, to the great regret of all our Berks and Bucks brethren, he felt compelled to resign his office. But not to anticipate an event to which it will be necessary to advert more fully; within three days of his appointment to the Provincial Grand Secretaryship he again took a prominent part in the proceedings of the Grey Friars Lodge, among the distinguished visitors who honoured the meeting with their presence being the Provincial Grand Master himself. On this occasion the business included the initiation of Bro. Alfred Gooch, son of the P.G.M., and the installation of the W. Master, both of which ceremonies were performed by our respected Brother. So ably and so impressively did he fulfil his duty, that, at the banquet which followed, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bro. the Rev. Robert J. Simpson, and the late Bro. J. Ranking Stebbing personally complimented him on the accurate and feeling manner in which he had discharged his office. But it is not Craft Masonry alone which is so deeply indebted to the service of our brother. He was one of the founders and first M.E.Z. of the Union Chapter, No. 414, the one and only Royal Arch Chapter which Reading possesses, and so highly were his abilities appreciated that, in 1871, he was again appointed to the chair of First Principal. And when in 1875 a Grand Chapter was established for the Province, he received the appointment of third Grand Principal, while at the present time he fills the post of Prov. Grand Scribe E. When, in 1870, the Prince of Wales performed his first public Masonic duty, of laying the foundation stone of the Reading Grammar School, the superintendence of the arrangements necessary to the fitting reception of His Royal Highness was entrusted to our brother, and the success of the day's proceedings was chiefly due to the skilfulness of his preparations. The latest occasion on which any special service has been required of him was at the memorable gathering in the Royal Albert Hall, when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was

installed as Grand Master. Our brother was one of the additional body of Stewards on whom devolved the duty of seeing that the arrangements incident to the occasion were properly carried out. Manifold, however, as have been the duties he has been called upon to discharge, there is one office in which he has principally distinguished himself. He is deeply versed in our mysteries, and one of the ablest and most precise expositors of the beauties of our system. There are few, if any, who are more capable than he is in working our several ceremonies, but it is more particularly as an Installing Master that he has acquired his greatest reputation. He acted in this capacity for very many years in the Fidelity Lodge, No. 663, Devizes, of which, as we have said, he was one of the promoters. We have likewise alluded *en passant* to the praise bestowed upon him for his signal ability in rendering the same ceremony in the Grey Friars Lodge. But he has also acted as Installing Master in the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, Newbury, and at the Lodge of Economy, No. 76, Winchester, on the occasion of its holding its Centenary Festival in 1861. Indeed his ability as a complete master of our ritual has been exemplified during the whole of his career, not only in Hampshire, Wiltshire, and Berks and Bucks, with which Provinces we have seen him associated, but in Somerset, in the Channel Islands, and elsewhere. Fortunate, indeed, is Sir Daniel Gooch in having among the brethren of the Province over which he presides one who is so capable of exhibiting the light of Freemasonry to less experienced or less studious brethren. It is to such Craftsmen as these that our Society owes its chief strength; it is to these we look that our ritual shall remain intact in all its simple beauty. They are, in fact, our Remembrancers, to whom we must trust for the perfect tradition of our teaching from generation to generation; and if ever Grand Lodge should think it worth while to insist on complete uniformity in our ritual and lectures, it is undoubtedly to the limited class of brethren of whom an Installing Master is so perfect a type that the duty would have to be entrusted.

The long and varied experience which our brother has acquired gives him an enduring claim upon the respect of all his brethren, but he is also entitled to our admiration for the services he has rendered to our charitable Institutions. He served the office of Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in 1867, and his name is on its roll of Life Governors; while in 1870 he acted as Steward for the Boys' School, and made not only himself, but likewise his wife, his three daughters, and two sons, Life Governors of that Institution. Thus, in the field of benevolence, as in the field of labour, he has given unquestionable proof of his sincere attachment to the Craft.

We have said that only a short time since he tendered his resignation of the Grand Secretaryship of the Province in which he now resides, a position he had held with so much honour to himself and such advantage to the Province during the last eight years. He felt necessitated to take this step by reason of the increasing demands which the work made on an amount of leisure already far too restricted. His business, like that of our Peripatetic Brother, necessitates his travelling about the country, and it was only during the small amount of rest he was enabled to snatch from his labours that he could devote himself to the duties of his office. Unwillingly, therefore, he withdrew from the Provincial Grand Secretaryship, but he will still be able to render valuable services to the Craft. His retirement from active participation in the labours of Provincial Grand Lodge will in no wise affect his ability to promote the welfare of Freemasonry in his other spheres of duty. He can still incite, by precept and example, the members of his Province to fulfil the obligations they have incurred. He can still give the Lodges he frequents the benefit of his knowledge and experience. He can still go on installing Masters with the same accuracy and precision as in the days that are past. All these things it is still open to him to do, nor imagine we for a single moment that he lacks the will any more than he does the ability to act in any capacity, be it the humblest or the most exalted of those in which he has acquired such reputation. In fact, to quote the words in our report of the proceedings at the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks, he will always do all he can "to advance the interests of Masonry," in that Province, "even to accepting the post of P. Grand Tyler, were it deemed necessary." That one who has so thoroughly identified himself with the labours of Masonry in this and other Provinces should

carry with him into his retirement the affectionate regard of all his fellows will surprise no one. But, though the many tributes of respect he has received are in themselves and to such a man a sufficient recompense for the untiring zeal and the conspicuous ability he has exhibited throughout his five and twenty years of service, still it must be an additional gratification to him, and especially to his family, to know that the recognition by his brethren of such long and faithful and onerous services will take a more substantial form than a vote of thanks. He already boasts several decorations which testify to the esteem in which he is held and the ability he has shown, nor is it possible that any one could have spoken more cordially or in a more unqualified manner of his achievements than Sir Daniel Gooch, but there is something further in the way of recognition yet to come. A testimonial is in the course of being raised in Berks and Bucks, in order that the memory of our worthy brother may be perpetuated, and his children and their descendants will have handed down to them an enduring evidence of his merit. To carry out this proposal, which emanated from the Prov. Grand Master himself, and was unanimously endorsed by the brethren of the Province in Grand Lodge assembled, a sum of twenty-five guineas has already been voted from the funds of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and a Committee, formed of the Masters of the Lodges in the Province, is now engaged in supplementing this vote with other contributions, so that the testimonial may be worthy alike of the Province and the recipient. That the brother who is thus honoured may live long to enjoy his well-earned repose, must be the wish, not only of his friends—and their number is legion—but of all who can admire a just and upright man, who has laboured diligently in the station in which he is placed, and who has devoted no small portion of a busy life to the earnest study of our glorious science. We, who must, unfortunately, distribute ourselves into a multitude of atoms, in order to arrive at the knowledge we possess of men and things—for our duty is to traverse the whole domain of Freemasonry, and be everywhere, so to speak, at one and the same moment—we, albeit our personal knowledge of the subject of this sketch is necessarily atomic, have nevertheless acquired, from many and various sources, sufficient knowledge of his career as a Mason to enable us to present his portrait to our readers. And in fulfilling this task we have experienced a great deal of pleasure. We have felt that, how inartistically soever we might discharge our duty, we should be helping the Craft universal to a better knowledge of one who has striven so ably, so earnestly, and so unremittingly to do whatever was required of him. And now we take our leave, thankful we have had this opportunity of paying him, even in this rude form, our humble tribute of respect. He has our heartiest good wishes, as he has those of all who know him, personally or by repute, for a long continuance of that honourable career he has adorned so well.

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#### SPECIAL GRAND LODGE, EASTERN DIVISION, SOUTH WALES.

ON Thursday, 30th August, a special Grand Lodge of the Eastern Division of South Wales was held, under the banner of the "Glamorgan" Lodge, No. 36, at the Masonic Hall, Cardiff, presided over by Sir G. Elliot, Prov. G.M., in order to repair the grave omission, at the Grand Lodge, held at Aberdare, of all recognition by the Province, as a Province, of the death of its late chief, Bro. T. Mansel Talbot. This omission was the more singular, because every Lodge in the Province had, at its first meeting after his death, very cordially recognised the high worth and sterling Masonic qualities of the chief, who, aided by his able and indefatigable deputy, Bro. Edward J. Morris, had raised the Province to a pitch of prosperity it had never reached before. The brethren, as members of the several private Lodges in the Province, having recognised by every means in their power their indebtedness to their late Prov. G.M., were pained and distressed when the first Provincial Grand Lodge held after the death, in office, of their chief, was closed without any mention of him. These feelings of grief and pain, after a short time, took the form of a numerous and influentially signed requisition to Sir George Elliot, asking him to hold a special Grand Lodge at which their feelings of respect and esteem for Bro. Talbot might have expression. The Prov. Grand Master having agreed to the prayer of the requisition, the promoters of the meeting held counsel, and agreed that as the services of the late lamented Bro. Talbot were at length about to be recognised, those of his Deputy, who had filled the office for so many years with profit to the Province, should also be fittingly acknowledged. A second resolution to that effect was therefore included in the business of the Lodge. The special Grand Lodge was well attended, the attendance of brethren of high Masonic rank

and of long standing in the Province being very marked. Lodge having been duly opened by Bro. D. Watson W.M. of the Glamorgan Lodge, the Provincial Grand Master, attended by his Deputy, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, and the present and the past Prov. Grand officers, entered Lodge. Having taken the chair, the Prov. G.M. opened Grand Lodge in ancient form, after which, in introducing the subject for which the special Grand Lodge had been convened, Bro. Sir George Elliot spoke in feeling terms of his predecessor, whom he had not seen much of in Masonic life, but whose high worth and amiable character he had had some opportunity of learning in private life. That a man of such high promise, whose loss they all so deeply deplored, should have been cut off in the prime of life was one of those events which the wisdom of the Great Architect of the Universe only could explain. Passing on to the subject of the other resolution, he wished the members of Grand Lodge to know that when he received his appointment as Prov. G.M., he had offered the post of Deputy to Bro. Morris, who so long had filled the office with profit to the Province, and in such a way as to gain the respect and esteem of all Masons, and who, to his great regret, had not seen his way to accepting the appointment. He was sorry that he had not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with a brother who was on all sides so well and highly spoken of. Although he should have liked to propose the resolutions himself, yet he thought that they would come better from some brother who had long and intimate knowledge of both brethren. The Prov. G.M. then explained that the Grand Lodge had been called as soon as possible, that his own absence abroad, and his Deputy's from home, with other matters, had prevented its being held sooner, that the delay had in no way been caused by want of sympathy with the object of the meeting, which, on the contrary, had his most hearty concurrence and sympathy.

Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Edward S. Hill, J.P., of Rockwood, Llandaff, Past Provincial G.S.W. rose to propose the first resolution, and before doing so explained that, by Masonic custom, a Provincial Grand Lodge died with its Master, so that until a new Prov. G.M. was appointed the province remained without a head and without a Grand Lodge. It was, therefore, not possible at such a time to give expressions to those feelings which the untimely death of their Prov. G.M. Bro. Talbot naturally called forth. On the appointment of a new Prov. G.M., and the revival of Prov. Grand Lodge, every body expected that the first act of the newly constituted body would be to place upon the minutes of Grand Lodge a formal record of the feelings to which he had alluded. At the ceremony of installation of the Prov. G.M. at the last Provincial Grand Lodge, and during the subsequent proceedings, he did not know what the order of the day was to be, and he, and no doubt others, anxiously waited for some motion from the chair respecting their late lamented Prov. G.M. This, however, was not done, and it seemed to some of the brethren (including himself) that it was impossible to let matters remain where they were; that to allow a brother, who had governed them for over eleven years, so just, and kind, and excellent a chief, to go to his last home without one word of regret or one syllable of gratitude appearing in the archives of the Province he had ruled so well, would be out of harmony with the feelings of its members, a lasting discredit to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and but poor encouragement to those who might come after. The result was a numerous and very influentially signed requisition to the Prov. G.M., asking him to call a Provincial Grand Lodge of Emergency, so as to afford an opportunity of repairing this very grave omission. The Prov. G.M. was good enough to accede to this request, and the desired opportunity was that day afforded of making reparation, of which he was sure all gladly availed themselves. Bro. Hill then read the following resolution:—

“That the brethren of the Province of South Wales, Eastern Division, with grateful recollection of the very eminent services rendered to Masonry by the late R.W. Bro. Theodore Mansel Talbot, during the eleven years he held the distinguished office of Provincial Grand Master—an office, the duties of which he performed with untiring zeal, with dignity worthy of the Craft, and with urbanity endearing him to the brethren—desire formally to record their high appreciation of his services, and their profound regret at the irreparable loss they have sustained by his early death.”

Bro. Hill felt sure that all who had known their late chief would cordially support the resolution, for they knew well his generous nature, his kindly spirit, rare Masonic knowledge, and his love of Masonry in all its branches, especially those represented by the charitable Institutions of the Order. After a brief account of the Masonic career of the late Bro. Talbot, he concluded with a very graceful eulogy upon the late Prov. G.M.

Bro. T. G. Hall J.P., of Swansea, P. Prov. S.G.W., said he had very much pleasure in rising to second the resolution so ably proposed by Bro. Hill. Having the honour of being the W.M. of the Lodge named after their late Prov. G.M., and in which he took a deep interest, it might naturally be expected that he should do so. He (the speaker) had been for many years intimately associated with Bro. Morris, their late D.P.G.M., and had often accompanied him and their late Prov. G.M. in their frequent visits to the several Lodges in the Province; he had, therefore, ample opportunity of becoming personally acquainted with their late Prov. G.M. From his high social position, his kind and courteous manner to all who sought his acquaintance, he was destined, had he lived, to become one of the most popular and influential men in the county, and he possessed in an eminent degree all the characteristics of a true English gentleman. (Cheers.) As a Freemason he was one of the most able and accomplished members of the Craft in the Principality; he was perfectly conversant with all the rites and ceremonies connected with every degree in Masonry, and could as readily and ably perform the ceremony of consecrating a Lodge or a Chapter, or exalt a brother to the high and important office of a Provincial Grand Master, as he could any of the ordinary rites in Craft Masonry. He took a deep interest in all the charities connected

with the Order, and under his rule and government, ably assisted and supported as he was by his excellent D.P.G.M., Bro. Morris, he had raised the Province to such a position that it had never before attained. (Cheers.) He was just in all his relations to the brethren, and fully recognised merit, and always properly rewarded it, and by his kindness and consideration he had so endeared himself to all the members of the Craft, not only in this but in the neighbouring Provinces, that each one deplored his death as a personal calamity. (Cheers.)

The Provincial Grand Master thought that, after the remarks of the proposer and seconder, nothing more could be said without detracting from the force of what had been said, he should therefore ask the brethren to affirm the resolution in the usual manner. This the brethren did, very touchingly, all rising and standing in solemn silence, with the sign of affirmation.

Bro. Charles Bath J.P., of Fynone, Swansea, P. Prov. G.S.W., rose to propose the following resolution:—

“That this Provincial Grand Lodge desires to record its grateful acknowledgments of the eminent services rendered to the Province by the W. Bro. Edward James Morris, Junior Grand Deacon of England, during the long period for which he filled the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and to which the present high position held by the Province is due, and its regret at the loss which the Province has sustained through his withdrawal from active Masonic life.”

Bro. Bath said that Bro. Morris had been made a Mason about 22 years ago, in the Indefatigable Lodge, Swansea, where his devotion to Masonry soon drew the attention of his brethren, and he was made Secretary, and in successive years he filled the office of Junior Warden, Senior Warden, and W. Master, in such a way as to attract the attention of the chiefs of the Province, for within two or three years he was made a Grand Deacon of the Province; his assiduity and devotion to Masonry became so widely known, that, on the appointment of their late Prov. G.M., Bro. Talbot at once selected Bro. Morris to fill the responsible office of Deputy, and it was some testimony to Bro. Morris's ability that his appointment was received throughout the Province with satisfaction. His career since was known to all, and it was not necessary to give any details of it; he would, however, remind those who were Masons twenty years ago of the state of Masonry in the Province at that time. He did not know how many Lodges there were in the Province in those days; but he knew that they were very thinly attended. Lodges were held at uncertain times, and the Order generally was in a very backward state. During the time that Bro. Talbot, assisted by his Deputy, ruled the Province, they had seen Lodges in the large towns divide into two and even more, not only without detriment, but with profit to each. New Lodges had been started where there had been none. Attendances had grown more regular with increase of numbers, and the work, instead of being done in a slipshod way, was now admirably performed in every Lodge in the Province. In the matter of the Charities, this Province twelve years ago was at a comparatively low point; but under the fostering care of Bro. Talbot, and the judicious management of his Deputy, Bro. Morris, who had instituted a sort of banking account of votes, the Province had become one of the most liberal contributors to the Charities, and one of the most successful in its endeavours to obtain admission to the Schools for the children of those members of the Province who had fallen into misfortune. (Cheers.) Bro. Bath also spoke in very warm terms of Bro. Morris's excellent qualities as a man, who carried the principles of Masonry into all the relations of life. Upon resuming his seat, Bro. Bath was very warmly cheered for the testimony he had borne to Bro. Morris's worth.

Bro. Alexander Bassett, C.E., Llandaff, the Senior S.G.W. of the Province, seconded Bro. Bath's resolution in a few well chosen words, in which he confirmed all that Bro. Bath had said of the immense influence for good which the late chief, assisted by his Deputy, had exercised in the Province, attributing in great measure the improvement in Masonic working to the very frequent visits of the Deputy to the various Lodges. (Cheers.)

Bro. W. Whittington, Neath, P. Prov. G.S.W., could not permit the present occasion to pass without bearing his testimony to the zeal and untiring energy of the late Deputy in promoting the interests of Masonry in the Province, nor without publicly acknowledging his deep debt of gratitude to Bro. Morris for his invaluable aid while he had been Prov. G.S. During the eight or nine years he (Bro. Whittington) held the office of Prov. G.S. he had no hesitation in avowing that his success was attributable to Bro. Morris, who was always ready with advice and assistance. (Cheers.)

Bro. Sir George Elliot Prov. G.M., in putting the resolution to the Lodge, again expressed his regret that he had not the pleasure of a personal knowledge of Bro. Morris, whose Masonic worth all were so eager to acknowledge.

The resolution was carried unanimously, amidst repeated rounds of applause. The business of Grand Lodge being concluded, the Right Worshipful Prov. G. Master closed the Lodge in the usual form.

**Celtic Lodge, No. 477 S.C.**—At a late meeting Bro. Hislop P.W.P.G.M., on behalf of the brethren of the Celtic Lodge, presented Bro. S. G. H. Smith with a handsome Past Master's jewel and gold locket bearing a suitable inscription. Bro. Hislop, in making the presentation, referred in eulogistic terms to the services rendered by Bro. Smith to the Celtic Lodge during a long career in office, and to the able manner in which he had for three terms held the office of R.W.M., and expressed a hope that Bro. Smith would not rest on his laurels, but uphold the credit which he had gained. Bro. Smith acknowledged with thanks the gift and honour conferred upon him, and promised to do his utmost for the welfare of the Celtic Lodge. The jewel, which is of chaste workmanship, was made by Bro. P. Adair.—*Otago Times*.

## THE ELEANOR LODGE, No. 1707.

WE last week gave particulars of the Consecration of this Lodge, but, owing to pressure on our space, we were compelled to reserve for our issue of to-day the account of the banquet and its attendant proceedings. Before doing this, we feel called upon to offer our tribute of praise for the admirable manner in which all the arrangements were conceived and carried out by the promoters. Bro. Tanner, the W.M. designate, had spared no pains to make the gathering a memorable one, and was ably assisted by his *confères*. The Lodge-room had been most tastefully arranged; the furniture and fittings were of a neat and substantial character, and even the minor matters, such as the production of the Cards of Invitation, the Summons, the Menu and Toast List, Book of Words of the Songs, &c., had all received the care and attention of a true artist. At the "Angel," that much to be desired attribute of comfort, ample space for every requirement, is at the command of the brethren. The banquet-room is capable of seating 150 guests, and adjoins the Lodge-room, while every accommodation is provided for brethren who are waiting to take part in the ceremonies. On this occasion, the banquet was capitally served, and drew forth expressions of commendation from all who were present. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Tanner rose to propose the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Craft, which was followed by the National Anthem. In giving the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Tanner referred to the great advance made by the Order during the last four years. He stated that the last time he had had the pleasure of meeting Bro. John Hervey in Lodge was at the Consecration of the Bagshawe, No. 1457. Many additions had been made to the list of Lodges since then, and this amply testified to the favour in which Freemasonry was held. The toast then received full recognition, after which "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was capitally rendered. The next toast on the list was a most comprehensive one; it included the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught S.G.W., H.R.H. Prince Leopold J.G.W., Prov. G.M. of Oxfordshire, and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present. The W.M. spoke of the eminent qualifications of the Pro Grand Master, who was a well tried Mason; while Lord Skelmersdale was at all times most assiduous and painstaking. It was most gratifying to the Craft in general to know that at the present time it had three Princes of the Blood Royal at the head of affairs. Bros. Hervey and Buss were known to all, and respected by all. He had great pleasure in coupling Bro. Buss's name with this toast. Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, replied. It was with some amount of diffidence that he addressed the brethren. He was sure all would agree with the Worshipful Master that it was gratifying to the Craft to have such noblemen at the head of affairs; they were persevering Masons indeed. The services done by the Pro G.M. and the D.G.M. were not to be excelled, if it were possible they could be equalled; both were ever anxious to perform all that was required of them, though it was well known their duties were very onerous. Bro. Buss closed his remarks by thanking Bro. Tanner for the kind opinions he had expressed in reference to Brother Hervey and himself. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, rose to propose the next toast—the health of the Worshipful Master. It had been a great pleasure to him to come down to Edmonton that day to consecrate the Eleanor Lodge, and to instal its first W.M. Those brethren who had selected Bro. Tanner to preside over them had made a wise choice. On the selection of the first Master depends in a great measure its welfare and future prosperity. Outsiders always look critically into the constitution of a new Lodge, and it behoved the brethren to be especially careful that they appointed a qualified brother to rule over them. All would assent with him in agreeing that here a proper selection had been made. Four years ago he had installed the present W.M. as first Master of the Bagshawe, of which Lodge he is at the present time Hon. Sec. Bro. Tanner had the interests of Freemasonry thoroughly at heart, and he felt sure their affairs would prosper under his guidance. Bro. Hervey closed his remarks by giving the health of the W.M., to which he would add the prosperity of the Eleanor Lodge, looking forward to a long career of success for it, and hoping that it might attain a point of high respectability, without which (added our worthy brother) a Lodge is nothing. Bro. Tanner tendered to Bro. Hervey his thanks for the kind way in which he had addressed the brethren. With regard to Freemasonry, he had its interests fully at heart; and with regard to the Lodge, he would do everything in his power for its future welfare. He trusted no petty jealousies would be permitted to arise, and that every effort would be made to settle any slight differences of opinion that might crop up. Let the brethren emulate the virtues of the goodly queen their Lodge was named after, and, if possible, surpass the admirable qualities she was possessed of. Bro. Tanner closed his remarks by adjuring the brethren to cultivate Brotherly Love, Benevolence, and Charity. The health of the Consecrating Officer was then given by the W.M., which Bro. Hervey briefly acknowledged. The health of the Visitors was next given, and in response Bro. Turner, W.M. of the Lewis Lodge, No. 1185, offered a few pertinent remarks. In proposing the health of his Officers, Bro. Tanner remarked that he had selected those who he was sure would do what was required of them, and that to the satisfaction of every member of the Lodge. After the brethren named in the toast had severally replied, the W.M. offered the next on the list—The Masonic Charities. The great advance made by the Craft during the last few years demanded the most energetic support of its Institutions. When we look at the returns made during the present year, and realise that close on £40,000 has been raised, we cannot but express our gratification; at the same time we must not be unmindful of the great demands that are being made on our resources. He had great pleasure in associating with the toast the name of Bro. Fred. Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. Binckes commenced his remarks by saying that it was with a sense of deep gratitude that he rose on this occasion to reply—not to an interpolated toast—but

to a toast, the importance of which had been fully recognised by those to whom had been entrusted the preparation of the list. He assured the brethren that it was to him a source of regret that he had not been able to be with them in the earlier part of the day, but at the present time his official duties pressed heavily upon him. Bro. Binckes then referred to the state of health of Bro. Little, and regretted that this prevented that brother accepting the kind invitation that had been sent him; he also stated that Bro. Terry was away on a holiday trip. He then proceeded to detail the result of the three Masonic Festivals of the year, and called attention to the scheme that had been approved by the General Committee of the Boys' School, and since sanctioned and adopted by the Quarterly Court, whereby it was decided to provide additional accommodation for thirty-two boys. He referred to the fact that they had been enabled to invest a little money, which might be considered as a nest egg, and he trusted that this nest egg would receive periodical additions. Bro. Binckes then made pleasant allusion to the great efforts he was making for the Institution with which he was more immediately connected, and feared his "shattered frame" would not be able to withstand the fearful inroads his heavy duties made upon it. Our brother closed a powerful speech by appealing to the brethren to render him what assistance they could, and not to permit him to leave that evening without adding the name of one of the members of the Eleanor Lodge to his list of Stewards for the next Festival. This appeal, we are pleased to add, resulted successfully, Bro. G. Wood, the Senior Deacon, signifying his intention to serve in that capacity. The Tyler then took the gavel and closed the proceedings. A capital selection of part songs, appropriate to the several toasts, was rendered during the evening by the Masonic Quartette. We wrote last week in high terms of praise of the musical ability of this party, and every brother present with whom we have spoken since has confirmed this opinion.

The first regular meeting took place on Wednesday last, the 5th inst., at the Angel Hotel, Edmonton. The Lodge was opened at 4.30 by the Worshipful Master, Bro. J. Tanner, who was supported by Bros. J. H. Thompson S.W., C. Lovebond J.W., C. Oliver Treas., R. J. Leaman Secretary, G. H. Wood S.D., C. R. Garnett J.D., J. Ramsay I.G. The visitors present were Bros. F. P. Ekin 86 P.P.G.D.C. Hants, C. Brunning 21, K. Harris 1185, J. Garrod 754, W. Symons 1185, J. Dixon 1558, C. Dove 376, C. Winsdale P.M. 69, J. Benford 754, Dr. Plaister 754. After the minutes of the Consecration meeting had been confirmed, ballots were taken for Messrs. Byers, Symmons and Taylor, as candidates for initiation; this resulted in favour of those gentlemen, and they were regularly introduced and initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Some candidates were then proposed for the next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren afterwards retired to the banquetting hall, and upon the removal of the cloth the W.M., Bro. J. Tanner, gave the usual Masonic toasts. In responding for the Visitors, Bro. Ekin stated that he had visited Lodges in New Zealand, Australia, India, and other parts of the world. He always found, wherever he went, that Freemasonry was the promoter of good fellowship, and he was pleased to be present this evening to visit this new Lodge. From what he had seen that night, he felt sure, if the officers would emulate their Master (whose working had, so far as his experience went, never been surpassed), they would have a Lodge equal to any in the Craft. He wished them every prosperity, and hoped the feeling of good fellowship which now prevailed would always exist in the Lodge. The initiates responded individually, and expressed the pleasure they felt in being admitted to the Order. They hoped in time to be able to qualify themselves to occupy the position the W.M. now held. During the evening some choice songs were given by some of the brethren; altogether, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DORSET.

THE annual meeting of the Freemasons of the Province of Dorset was held at Beaminster, on Thursday 30th ult. the R. Worshipful Prov. Grand Master Bro. J. Montague Guest presiding. About 100 of the leading members of the Craft were present, the meeting for the transaction of the customary business being held in the National School-room, which was appropriately decorated for the occasion by Bro. Skinner, of Yeovil. The Lodge was opened by the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master at half-past one o'clock. The minutes of the Prov. G.L. were read and confirmed. The Prov. Grand Master then addressed the brethren on various important subjects connected with the Craft, after which he invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. C. W. Wyndham, No. 386 S.G.W., E. G. Legg 1357 J.G.W., Rev. E. J. L. B. Henslowe 707 G. Chap., Robert Case 417 G. Treas., C. T. Robins 472 G. Reg., R. N. Howard 170 G. Sec., W. E. Brymer M.P. 417 G.S.D., John Hammond 622 G.J.D., F. Travers 137 G.S. of W., W. Smith 170 G.D.C., A. H. Green 1286 G.A.D.C., Philip Montagu 707 G.S.B., Whitehead Smith 622 G.O., J. A. Sherren 170 G. Purs., Bros. Brodie, Harrison, Wallis, Bradford, Best, and J. A. Atkins Stewards, F. Long 707 G. Tyler. Shortly before four o'clock about ninety brethren sat down to the banquet, at the White Hart Hotel. The R.W.P.G.M. abundantly supplied the table, and the proceedings passed off most pleasantly. A collection was made in aid of the Indian Famine Relief Fund, about £120 being realised, together with about eleven guineas for a brother in distress who formerly lived in this province.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Invalids distracted by indigestion, and discouraged in their search for its remedy should make trial of this never failing medicine. A lady, long a martyr to dyspeptic tortures, writes that Holloway's Pills made her feel as if a burden had been taken off her. Her spirits, formerly low, have greatly improved; her capricious appetite has given place to healthy hunger; her dull, sick headache has departed, and gradually so marvellous a change has been effected, that she is altogether a new creature, and again fit for her duties. These Pills may be administered with safety to the most delicate. They never act harshly, nor do they ever induce weakness; they rightly direct deranged, and control excessive action.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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## OUR SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—How is it that no one appears ever to have suggested the adoption of the German system in our charitable schools?

Is it because that system, which provides the children with a house, food and clothing, and sends them to the *public schools of the country for education*, would not provide for so many well paid masters, matrons, secretaries, and all sorts of other officials; or is it because the *middle class schools* of this country do not provide a sufficiently good education?

This German system is already at work in this country, and has done admirably for children of the same class as those now in our two Masonic Schools.

I fear, however, that too many persons now make these Charities of ours their means of subsistence, for such a plan as I suggest ever getting a chance of a fair trial.

Yours fraternally,

HUGH H. RIACH, 31<sup>o</sup>, P.M.,

Past Prov. G. Secretary, Oxon.

## THE POOR ORPHAN COX: THE LAST TIME OF ASKING.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—There is only the forthcoming election for the Masonic Boys' School in October next to serve this forlorn orphan. If he fails then, he fails for ever.

Right glad am I to announce that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire has adopted this orphan, as their *protégé* at the ensuing election. But they require extraneous aid.

Will any of the Masonic body or others send me money or votes forthwith to secure this orphan's election? I pledge my honour that such contributions or votes shall be faithfully applied. Such benefactors would secure the grateful blessings both of widow and orphan.

"Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy,"—Job xxix. 12, 13.

I am, Sir,

Respectfully yours,

DANIEL ACE, D.D.

Laughton Vicarage, near Gainsborough,  
4th Sept. 1877.

## A WORTHY MASON.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The death of Bro. John Woon, Quarter Master, Royal Marines, of the Wellington Lodge, 784, at Deal, on the 8th of March 1877, aged 51, left his widow with nine children, and only a small annuity. One of his sons, Albert Allen Woon, has been placed on the list for election into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to which his father was a subscriber, and some particulars of his service may interest your readers who have votes for the Institution. He commanded a detachment of his corps serving in the Arctic regions from 1850 to 1854, during the discovery of the North-west passage, and is thus mentioned in the records:—One person especially distinguished himself, not only as a sportsman, but in the execution of any service requiring unflagging energy and marked intelligence, and this was the non-commissioned officer of Royal Marines, Sergeant Woon. He did good service everywhere; but no better instance can be given of the metal of which such men as he are made than what occurred on the 4th Jan. 1852. A coloured man, serving in the ship, whilst out sporting, wounded a deer, and after following it awhile, discovered he had lost his way just as a fog came on. The temperature was very low, the man was tired, and the peril of his position caused him to lose his presence of mind, and to wander about. By great good fortune Sergeant Woon, who was likewise out in quest of game, joined him; but the poor creature was so beside himself with excitement and horror, that every endeavour to soothe him, by promising to take him safely on board the ship, failed. Fits came on, which, when they passed off, left the man quite prostrated in strength. By entreaty and remonstrance, the Sergeant induced him at last to walk a little; but, at 2 p.m., when the glimmering twilight called day of that season was fast closing in, the unfortunate man's energies entirely failed, and he sank upon the ground, bleeding at his mouth and nose, and writhing in convulsions. The Sergeant saw now that all hope of the man saving himself was at an end; and to leave him where he was, many miles from the ship, was to leave him to certain death; he would have been devoured by the wolves even before the process of freezing to death would have released him from his misery. There

was no alternative but to drag him to the ship—no easy matter, when the Sergeant dared not part with his gun, and the man was one of the heaviest of a fine ship's crew. Sergeant Woon, then, with heroic resolution set to his task. Slung both muskets over his shoulder, he took the man's arms round his own neck, and commenced dragging his half-dead shipmate towards the "Investigator." The labour was, as may be supposed, excessive; and the only relief the Sergeant had was, whenever he had dragged the body up one side of a hill, or when he came to a ravine, to lay him down, and roll him to the bottom; rather severe treatment for an invalid, but it had the merit of arousing the man somewhat from his lethargy. By eleven o'clock at night the gallant marine had thus conveyed his burden to within a mile of the ship; but ten hours of such toil, and darkness, cold, and snow, now began to tell upon him. He could drag his burden no longer; and as a last resource he implored the unfortunate man to make an effort, and tried to cheer him by pointing to the rockets which the Captain of the Investigator caused to be sent up as a guide to the missing men. Finding, however, that all his entreaties were replied to only by a request, "to be left alone to die," the Sergeant laid him in a bed of deep snow, and started off for assistance from the ship. This was already on its way; and Woon met and conducted two out of three parties to where the man lay, just in time to save him. He was found with his arms raised, and rigid in that position, his eyes open, and his mouth so firmly frozen as to require much force to open it for the purpose of pouring restoratives down his throat, whilst his hands, feet and face were much frost-bitten. His life was, however, saved; and for that the courage and devotion displayed by the Sergeant deserved all credit. He served with the battalion in China during the war in 1857—1859, was at the storming of Canton, the taking and destruction of Shek-sing, and other engagements. He accompanied the expedition to the North, and at the attack on the Peiho Forts, on 25th June 1859, was thus mentioned in the official gazetted despatch: "The conspicuous gallantry of Sergeant-Major Woon and Quartermaster-Sergeant Halling also attracted his notice." In March 1860, at a general parade at Woolwich, General Sir A. Blaxland Stransham, then commanding the division, presented him with the silver medal awarded him by the Lords of the Admiralty for "meritorious conduct, especially for his gallant behaviour while serving in China." He was also granted an annuity of £10. He saved the life of one of his officers, and also of a drummer boy, about 14 years of age, at the assault on the batteries in the Peiho. The poor lad had been struck down by a round shot, which completely carried away the inner part of his thigh. He was lying hopelessly in the mud, missiles of every description flying thickly about him, when he called to Sergeant-Major Woon to take him to a place of safety, which he did at the imminent risk of his life, and deposited him in a boat at some distance. On this occasion the loss sustained by his corps amounted to no less than 19 officers and 190 men killed and wounded. On leaving China he was presented with a piece of plate, as a token of the esteem in which he was held by his comrades there. He was commissioned as Quarter-Master 13th September 1867, and received the medal for the Arctic service, and a medal with clasp for Canton. Exposure to climate and the hardships he endured brought on the illness which caused his death, and obliged his son to seek the support of the brethren for his election to our School. Voting papers may be sent to Lieutenant Des Barres, R.M., W.M. Lodge 1096, Walmer Barracks, Kent, or to Captain Mascall R.M. at the office of the Dorcas Beneficent Society, 7 Wellington-street, Strand, W.C.

I am Sir, your obedient servant,

W. PORTLOCK DADSON (Captain R.B.G.),

Of Bayard Lodge, No. 1615.

33 Golden-square, W.

5th September 1877.

## Old Warrants.

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No. 87.

No. 255 "Ancients;" No. 321 A.D. 1814, No. 225 A.D. 1832, and No. 190 from A.D. 1863.

## ANTRIM, GRAND MASTER.

JAMES PERRY, D.G.M.

THOMAS HARPER, S.G.W.

JAMES AGAR, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

We, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful Most Potent and Puissant Lord the Right Honourable Randal William McDonnell, Earl and Baron of Antrim, Lord Viscount Dunluce, Lord Lieutenant of the Country of Antrim, in the Province of Ulster and Kingdom of Ireland, Knight of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, one of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and in that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful James Perry, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esquire, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful James Agar, Esquire, Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorize and

impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful William Stretton one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful James Pritchett his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Thomas Robotham his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the house known by the sign of the Crown and Anvil, Swan Street, Ye Minories, in the Parish of Saint Botholph, Aldgate, in the City of London (or elsewhere) aforesaid, upon the third Thursday in each Calendar Month, on all reasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorize and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, William Stretton, Samuel Pritchett, and Thomas Robotham (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their powers and dignities as Freemasons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this fifteenth day of June, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred Eighty and Nine, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred Eighty and Nine.

JOHN McCORMICK,  
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered }  
in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 6, }  
Letter F.

The present title, No., &c. are, The "Oak" Lodge, No. 190, Freemasons' Hall, London.

### No. 88.

No. 62 "Ancients;" No. 85 A.D. 1814, No. 75 A.D. 1832, and No. 62 from A.D. 1863.

#### ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS HARPER, D.G.M.  
THOMAS MAHON, S.G.W.                      WILLIAM CLARKE, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful The Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathray and Strathardle, Viscount Ballquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Thomas Mahon, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful William Clarke, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), do hereby authorize and impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful John Cooper one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Thomas Brierly his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful John Bostock his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Swan Inn, Deansgate, Manchester (or elsewhere), upon the second and fourth Tuesday in No. 62 every month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorize and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, John Cooper, Thomas Brierly, and John Bostock (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their powers and dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this sixteenth day of February, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Eleven, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Eight hundred and Eleven.

ROBERT LESLIE,  
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered }  
in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 2, }  
Letter B. April 1757. Fol. 265.)

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The present title, No., &c. are, The Social Lodge, No. 62, Manchester.

### OLD WARRANTS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am pleased to see the publication in your valuable weekly Masonic Journal, of a number of Old English Warrants. I send you a copy of our Old Warrant, No. 350, Cappagh Lodge, of Tyrone, which was only dormant a few years, with a small debt against it; and, on the petition of the surviving members, the Grand Lodge of Ireland were pleased to order its revival, on the payment of £7 (price of a New Warrant), and restore all the brethren to their Masonic privileges, who were *ipso facto* suspended when the Warrant was dormant.

The Royal Arch, and Knight Templars, and other side degrees (at present defunct), were all worked under this Old Warrant, as appears by the minute books and certificates of deceased members.

This Warrant is a very small one, about the size of a sheet of letter paper.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES SCOTT,

20th August 1877.

P.M. 350, Cappagh Lodge.

### No. 89.

#### IRISH CONSTITUTION.

No. 350.

By the Right Worshipful and Right Honourable CHARLES CHARLEVILLE, G.M., Earl of Charleville, Grand Master of all the Lodges of Free Masons in the Kingdom of Ireland; the Worshipful EDWARD MARTIN, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, the Worshipful Capt. CHRISTOPHER PARKER, and WILLIAM MARSHALL, Esq., Grand Wardens.

WHEREAS our Trusty and Well-beloved Brothers, James Townley, Duncan Graham, and Charles Stuart, have besought us that we would be pleased to erect a Lodge of Free Masons, in the Parish of Cappagh and County Tyrone, near Omagh, of such persons who by their knowledge and skill in Masonry, may contribute to the well being and advancement thereof. We therefore, duly weighing the premisses, and having nothing more at heart than the prosperity and true advancement of Masonry, and reposing special trust and confidence in our Trusty and Well-beloved Brothers, the said James Townley, Duncan Graham, and Charles Stuart, of whose abilities and knowledge in Masonry, We are satisfied: By these Presents of our certain knowledge, and meer Motion, Nominate, Create, Authorize and Constitute the said James Townley, Duncan Graham, and Charles Stuart, to be Master and Wardens of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be held by them and their successors, lawfully admitted in the said Lodge for ever. And we do hereby give and grant unto the said James Townley, Duncan Graham and Charles Stuart, and their successors, full Power and Lawful Authority, from time to time, to proceed to election of a new Master and Wardens, to make such Laws, Rules and Orders, as they from time to time shall think proper and convenient for the well being and ordering of the said Lodge. Reserving to ourselves and our successors, Grand Masters or Grand Wardens of Ireland, the sole Right of deciding all differences which shall be brought by appeal before us, and our successors, Grand Masters or Grand Wardens of Ireland.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our Hands and Seal of Office, this Seventh of August, in the Year of our Lord God, 1760, and in the Year of Masonry, 5760.

Entered by me,

JOHN CALDER,

G. Secretary.

Revived by order of Grand Lodge, 6th December 1866.

CHARLES T. WALMSLEY, D.G. Secretary.



### ST. ANDREW LODGE, No. 432, S.C.

The annual meeting in celebration of St. John's Day, was held in the Masonic Hall, on the 26th ult., when the following officers were installed in various chairs:—J. B. Finlayson R.W.M., E. J. Schlotel P.M., George Kidd D.M., John Guthrie S.W., W. Bremer J.W., Geo. Findlay Treasurer, A. Croll Secretary, T. H. Welch S.D., C. Keast J.D., A. Gardner S.S., F. G. Naumann I.G. The ceremony of installation was performed by P.M.'s Bros. Caldwell and Schlotel. The Lodge was visited by the R.W.P.G.M. Bro. John Hislop, and Officers of the Grand Lodge, also by Bro. Thomson, Deputy District Grand Master of Canterbury, Bro. James, District Grand Secretary of Otago and Southland, and deputations from the sister Lodges. After the ceremony an adjournment was made to Krull's Hotel, where about sixty of the brethren sat down to a banquet, which was served up excellently by host Krull. During the evening, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and interspersed by songs. A scheme was mooted, with the aim of purchasing a piece of ground and erecting a new Masonic Hall, which would certainly be a most desirable object. The promoters are Bro. Joyce, R.W.M. of the Port Chalmers Marine Lodge, and Bro. Brown, R.W.M. of Otago Kilwinning, who will give any information on the subject or receive subscriptions for that object.—*Otago Times*.

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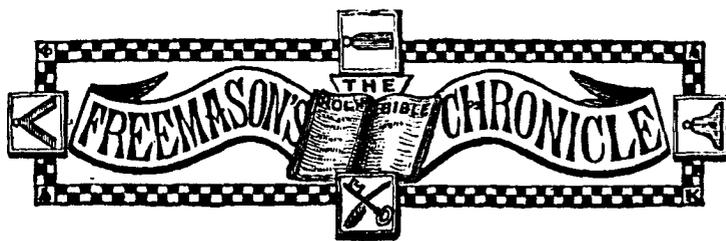
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**OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.**

THERE is little to record of the movements of the Queen and the other members of the Royal Family. The weather prevented Her Majesty from attending the annual gathering of the Duff and Farquharson Highlanders at Braemar. However, the usual games were held, varied on this occasion by the introduction of the tug of war. On Saturday, the Prince of Wales landed at Trouville, for the purpose of making a brief sojourn, and on the same day Prince Leopold visited Braemar, accompanied by Mr. Gathorne Hardy, the minister in attendance on the Queen, and having driven to Lochcallater, the party had some sport. Lunch was then served, and they returned to Braemar, and thence to Balmoral. The Princess of Wales and her children are still at Osborne, where Prince Albert Victor is, no doubt, rapidly regaining his strength. It is said Her Royal Highness will shortly visit her father's court at Copenhagen, and that next year the Prince and Princess will together visit Nottingham, the castle of which will be opened in the month of May or June next, as an Art Museum in connection with South Kensington. At all events, a very favourable answer has been received from the Prince's private secretary, to the effect that the invitation shall receive their Royal Highnesses' most anxious consideration, and that the visit will, if it can be made, give them great satisfaction.

There was a large gathering of brethren at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on Wednesday. Bro. Dr. Hamilton presided as Grand Master, and moved the votes of 200 guineas to the sufferers at St. John, New Brunswick, and 100 guineas to those on the coast of Peru. Bro. Clabon's motion was carried unanimously, and the grant of 1,000 guineas has already been remitted to the Indian Famine Relief Fund, Bro. the Grand Treasurer having announced his intention of doing so, in accordance with former precedents, without waiting for the confirmation of the minutes.

The firework contests at the Alexandra Palace form one of the chief attractions of the season. On Saturday last, was held the competition between M. Ruggieri, pyrotechnist to the late Napoleon III., and Mr. Pain of Walworth, which had originally been fixed for the 18th August. There was a magnificent display by both competitors, but the award of the judges was given in favour of our fellow-countryman by six points to four. The passage of the Danube is still effected every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, weather, of course, permitting; and will continue to be so for some short time longer; but those who have not seen this grand military spectacle will be wise to take an early opportunity of going. There have also been some grand displays of fireworks at the Crystal Palace, where Messrs. C. T. Brock and Co. are the presiding pyrotechnists, and their name is a guarantee of the excellence of the display.

On Saturday last partridge shooting commenced, and from all accounts it seems likely this will prove one of the most favourable seasons for many years past. In many parts of the country, owing to the heavy rains, but little corn has been cut, and consequently there has been a limit to the sport that could be indulged in; but the news from Kent is very favourable, and also from Guildford, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire; but from the north, though the weather has been eminently favourable, there have been fewer sportsmen out, while in Scotland the fields are still covered with crops. The birds are described as being, for the most part, healthy and strong, while in Kent single coveys of twenty birds were not uncommon, the average being fully sixteen.

The cricket season has now ended, the last county fixture, the match between Notts and Yorkshire, ending in a draw somewhat in favour of the latter. In the match between Surrey and Gloucestershire, the latter had an advan-

tage on the first innings of 51 runs, and it was as much as Surrey, in the face of Mr. W. G. Grace and Midwinter's splendid bowling, could manage to escape a one-innings defeat. However, they contrived to obtain amongst them 53 runs, and then a few minutes sufficed, and Gloucestershire was announced as victor by ten wickets. We do not imagine Mr. Grace's batting average will be very wonderful this year, but his bowling has been admirable, especially towards the latter half of the season.

The Mansion House Relief Fund is rapidly increasing in amount, and by the time this meets the eye of the reader, considerably over £100,000—of which £80,000 had been remitted to Madras up to Wednesday—has been realized. The fund started at Liverpool had reached £12,000 up to Wednesday, and all over the country the greatest efforts are being made to contribute towards the relief of the sufferers. Among the principal contributions are—a first instalment of £500 from Exeter, a third instalment of equal amount from Dublin, a first instalment from Shrewsbury of £300, Bath first instalment of £200, the Leathersellers' Company 200 guineas, H.R.H. the Duchess of Cambridge £100, the Grocers' Company £1,000, the Oriental Bank Corporation £500, Mr. Matthew Whiting £250, Messrs. Blundell, Spence and Co. £100, and £28 from the pupils of Christ's Hospital, by the hands of two of the Grecians.

There has been the usual quantum of political speech-making. Mr. Gladstone has addressed a party of excursionists at Hawarden, the greater part of his speech being occupied with the Turkish question, and there has been a large Conservative gathering at Manchester, at the Belle Vue Gardens, Mr. Birley and a large number of leading Lancashire Conservatives being present and addressing the immense assembly from different platforms. The people afterwards dispersed throughout the gardens, for the purpose of enjoying the different sights they afford, and the day terminated with a grand exhibition of fireworks.

Parochial authorities are wise in their generation, and enjoy themselves whenever they get an opportunity. Among the expenditure submitted to the auditors of the accounts of Fulham parish was the following dinner bill, the items of which are worth transcribing in full:—Dinner and dessert, £6 1s 6d; hock, £1; sherry, 7s; Madeira, 7s; champagne, £5; claret, 7s; port, 8s; liqueurs, 12s; and cigars, 15s; making a total of £44 17s 6d. The parties who dined were seven in number—namely, a churchwarden, a vestryman, two rate collectors, the vestry clerk, the landlord, and a guest. It is evident the party had made up its mind to do the thing handsomely. £7 9s for wines, liqueurs being additional, is a fair allowance; and supposing the wine to average about 7s per bottle, would allow of each guest drinking three bottles. But this is not the only extravagance in which the parish authorities appear to have indulged, for another bill of £14 10s was submitted for an illuminated letter of condolence to an overseer on the death of his son. The auditors are said to have expressed their intention of disallowing both bills, and very properly too. That parish officers should expend nearly £15 on one dinner, and almost as much for a simple letter, seems perfectly monstrous.

France has lost one of her most illustrious citizens. M. Thiers died after a few hours' illness on Monday. The ex-President was in his 80th year, and was in excellent health and spirits up to noon on the day he died, when towards the end of breakfast his appearance caused great alarm to his wife and sister. Medical assistance was summoned, and leeches were applied, but in vain; and the patient succumbed about six o'clock in the evening. His death has caused immense excitement throughout France, and especially in Paris, and letters of condolence to his widow have been sent by the Marshal President and all leading personages in the country. The ministry had likewise resolved to honour him with a public funeral, and the President had already countersigned a decree fixing the funeral for this day at the Invalides, but difficulties have since occurred, and the noble intentions of the executive will not be carried out. As, however, the deceased was a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour, he will receive Military honours. The departed statesman had done eminent services to his country, but he will be known chiefly as the historian of the Consulate and Empire, and the statesman who liberated France from the presence of her German conquerors by the payment of the indemnity. Whether, or rather what influence his death will exercise in the present political crisis, remains to be seen. M. Thiers

was looked upon as successor to Marshal Macmahon in the event of the latter resigning the Presidency, and now there seems to be no one to take his place.

There has been more terrible fighting on the Danube since last week, but whether the Turks have maintained and improved, or the Russians in part retrieved, their positions, remains to be seen. Loftcha has been taken by the Russians, and this is certainly a blow to the Turks. The Shipka Pass is likewise still held in force, Suleiman Pacha's attacks having, according to one account, been for the time suspended, while, according to another, they have been definitively repulsed. Mehemet Ali has gained some advantages on the Lom, and another Turkish General has gained a success in the neighbourhood of Rustchuk, the Russian loss being about 1,000 men. But whatever may be the course of events in the next few days—even at the moment of writing news decisive of the present campaign may arrive—it seems to be generally admitted that the war will not be concluded this year. As to the other combatants, there has been some fighting in Montenegro. Orders are said to have been issued to the Servian army or Militia, whichever it may be, to march towards the Turkish frontier, and Prince Charles of Roumania has issued a flaming address to his army, now in the neighbourhood of Plevna, in which he reminds them of the gallant deeds of their forefathers in some remote period of the past—the Prince is vague, as might have been expected, in a matter of this kind—and calls upon them to imitate those deeds in the present. Prince Charles has a Russian division, or it may be more, attached to his gallant Roumanian army, and a Russian General to act as the chief of his staff. The Roumanians will probably discover at an early date that fighting Turks is not quite such pleasant work as growing corn, or so profitable. As to Servia, it is more than probable that the Turks will make short work of it, and this time they will stand on no ceremony about occupying Belgrade and deposing Prince Milan. In Asia, more Turkish successes are reported, but subsequent accounts are vague, and do not seem to confirm the earlier. One thing, however, seems certain, that the attempt of Turkey to cause an insurrection in the Caucasus has failed, and she has very wisely evacuated Soukoum Kaleb, taking with her troops a host of Circassians, with their families and property. All these have been transported to Turkey-in-Europe, and will, no doubt, prove a welcome addition at the present time to the Sultan, who will obtain a large addition to his army from the ranks of the immigrants.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LANARKSHIRE.

HELD its quarterly communication in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Friday, 31st August. Comp. F. A. Barrow P.G. Superintendent presiding, D. Ranald Z. 67 acting as P.G.H., and G. Muir Z. 87 as P.G.J., the rest of the office bearers were in their respective places, viz.:—Jas. Balfour P.G. Scribe E., G. W. Wheeler P.G. Scribe N., T. Halket P.G.T., T. M. Campbell P.G. 1st S., D. Lamb P.G. 2nd S., G. McDonald 3rd S., G. Thallon P.G.C., Jas. Duthie P.G.S. of Works, and J. B. Hardie P.G. Janitor. The P.G. Superintendent spoke of the two new Chapters consecrated during the last month, and expressed his thanks to the Companions of the Province for the way in which they had turned out to accompany the deputation from Glasgow, and especially to the Companions of the New Chapter, Hamilton 172, for the handsome way in which they had entertained the deputation on that occasion. Comp. T. M. Campbell called attention to the desirability of all the Chapters in the Province working alike, and in strict conformity with the recognised ritual of the S.G.C. The M.E.P.G.S. said one of the points noted no doubt was an innovation; it was practised in America, and personally he saw no objection to it, but till the G.C. sanctioned it, he must say it was not proper for the Chapter alluded to to continue its use. Comps. Lamb and Wheeler thought that, in order to ensure uniformity of working, it would be desirable to establish a Chapter of Instruction for the Province. The M.E.G.Z. said this conversation was even better than a Chapter of Instruction, it elicited opinions of members of the various Chapters. Comp. McNair H. of 69 asked if it was true that Mark Masters made in the Union Mark Lodge, No. 1, were not received and acknowledged as such by the R.A. Chapter. Comp. Barrow replied that the Provincial Chapter and Daughter Chapters recognised and received by affiliation all M.M.M. made in a Blue Lodge, in strict accordance with G.L. laws, but they held the body referred to as a spurious body, and no member made by it could be received into Chapter without first abjuring his allegiance to this so-called Lodge of Mark Masters. Comp. McNair protested against such a decision. Comp. Barrow said he might protest, but he would find it quite unavailing. No legally constituted body can in any way recognise in any branch of Masonry those who have not legally received their respective degrees. There being no further business, the P.G. Chapter was closed in due form.

## THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

OUR Grand Lodge held its Quarterly Communication on Wednesday. In the absence of the Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, and Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Robert Hamilton, M.D., District Grand Master of Jamaica, presided, Lieut.-General Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, acting as Dep. G.M., Captain Platt P.G.D. as Grand Senior Warden, and the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain as Grand Junior Warden. There were likewise present very many Grand Officers, present and past, together with a strong muster of the representatives of the subordinate Lodges. Among others we noticed Bros. S. Rawson P. District G. Master of China, R. Giddy D.G.M. Griqualand, S. Tomkins Grand Treasurer, John Hervey Grand Secretary, H. G. Buss Assist. Grand Secretary, Captain N. G. Philips and P. de Lande Long Grand Senior Deacons, H. C. Tombs and E. J. Morris of Swansea, Grand Junior Deacons, J. C. Parkinson P.G.D., W. Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., James Mason P.G.S.B., John Symonds P.G.A.D.C., J. A. Rucker, Rev. Sir J. Warren Hayes P.G.C., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., Joshua Nunn, C. Godtschalk P. Prov. G.D. Devon, Colonel Sammerville Burney, John Wordsworth G.S., F. Binckes P.G.S., C. F. Matier, John Constable, A. H. Tattershall, H. Browse, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., &c., &c. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last Communication, which were taken as read, having been confirmed, the Grand Master moved that the sum of 200 guineas be voted in aid of the fund which is being raised towards the relief of the sufferers by the late terrible fire at St. John, New Brunswick, and that 100 guineas be granted towards the relief of the sufferers from the "cataclysm" on the coast of Peru. The motion, which was seconded by Lieut.-General Brownrigg, was agreed to unanimously. The several grants recommended by the Lodge of Benevolence, as detailed last week, were then confirmed. The next business was the consideration of the report of the Board of General Purposes, as to the title and constitution of the Lodge of Benevolence; but Bro. P. de L. Long, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, in the absence of Bro. J. B. Monckton, who is President, and Bro. Æ. McIntyre Grand Registrar, very gracefully proposed that the subject should be postponed till December. To this Bro. James Mason offered an amendment, to the effect that the postponement should be till the March Communication. A discussion ensued, in the course of which Bro. Binckes said it had been his intention, even had Bro. Long not come forward and suggested the postponement till December, to have offered the same proposition; at the same time he thought that three months was quite long enough for any person of average intelligence to make up his mind. In the end, however, Bro. Long yielded to the views of Bro. Mason, and accordingly the latter's amendment, that the consideration of the scheme recommended by the Board of General Purposes should be postponed till March, was carried. Bro. J. M. Clabon then rose and proposed the motion standing in his name, "that a grant of 1,000 guineas be made to the Indian Famine Relief Fund." In the course of his remarks, Bro. Clabon observed that the principle of Freemasonry, as he understood it, was universal Charity, and he believed the object to which he proposed the sum should be devoted was one which came within the legitimate sphere of the Fraternity. Two small sums had already been voted that evening towards similar objects, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorsetshire had set them a worthy example by voting £120 towards the relief of our Indian fellow subjects. He then expatiated on the fearful nature and extent of the calamity, and read a letter written by a lady at Kolapore, Madras Presidency, in which she described the terrible effects of the famine on the natives. As to the sum he had proposed, he had heard various rumours about an amendment to make the amount one-half, but he trusted the brethren would be unanimous. The amount in the Lodge of Benevolence could not be touched, but there was a large annual surplus in the Fund of General Purposes, and it had been able to invest £8,000 last year. He thought, therefore, they could easily afford to give the thousand guineas set down in his motion. Lieut.-Col. Creaton having seconded the proposal, it was carried with acclamation. Bro. S. Tomkins Grand Treasurer, having announced that, in accordance with former precedents, he should at once remit the sum to the Relief Fund without waiting for the confirmation of the minutes in December, as he had every confidence the grant would be confirmed, and having further expressed a hope that other Provincial Grand Lodges would follow the example set them by Grand Lodge and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorsetshire, Grand Lodge was shortly afterwards closed in the usual manner.

We observe with regret that, whenever a grant of money is proposed, it is the regular practice for the brother who introduces the motion to express a hope that Grand Lodge will accept it unanimously. The Earl of Carnarvon did so, when he proposed the grant of £4,000 for building and endowing two lifeboats in commemoration of the Grand Master's safe return from India, and Bro. Clabon followed his Lordship's example on Wednesday, when he moved that a sum of one thousand guineas be handed over to the Indian Famine Relief Fund. For ourselves, we think Bro. Clabon's proposition was worthy of Freemasonry; indeed, we would far rather have seen the amount of the grant doubled than halved. But the practice of deprecating opposition to a motion is, in our humble judgment, at least unwise. We do not say it amounts to an attempt at dictation, but it looks very much like it. Everybody who has a scheme to propose is anxious to carry it, and he would rather have everybody else recognise the merit of his

proposal. But why allude to the possibility of some amendment being moved, and on the strength of such allusion, lay down the necessity that exists for unanimity? Unanimity, in such cases as Bro. Clabon's motion, if attainable, is always to be desired; but the fact that he, or some else holds one opinion, does not deprive other people of the right to hold and express theirs. If some kind of protest is not raised now, we may find the practice adopted by other and less prudent brethren on grave questions of policy, and the limits of free discussion will be narrowed to a one-sided exposition. We set our face resolutely against this way of advocating a motion being adopted as a regular practice. We entirely acquit Bro. Clabon of any attempted dictation, but we have not the same confidence in the wisdom and discretion of the other members of Grand Lodge.

## IRELAND.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ARMAGH.

ON Wednesday, 29th August, a Quarterly Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh, which embraces the counties of Armagh, Louth, and Monaghan, was held, the Right Worshipful Bro. Maxwell C. Close D.L. M.P., the Prov. Grand Master, presiding, assisted by Deputy Grand Master John Gervais Winder J.P., and a numerous attendance of the brethren of the mystic tie from throughout the province. The usual formalities being observed, and the ordinary routine business transacted, the nomination of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, the most complete harmony being observed, and all the elections passing off with entire unanimity, as follows:—Bros. the Very Worshipful Francis Edward Clarke LL.D. M.D. Grand Senior Warden, the Very Worshipful Andrew Knight Young J.P. Grand Junior Warden, the Very Worshipful H. H. Hancock Grand Treasurer, the Very Worshipful George Hill Smith Grand Secretary, the Worshipful and Rev. A. B. Young Grand Chaplain, the Worshipful George C. Cochrane Grand Senior Deacon, the Worshipful John Galbraith Grand Junior Deacon, the Worshipful Thomas Osborne Marks Mus. Doc. Grand Organist, and the Worshipful M. M'Carthy Rutherford Grand Inner Guard.

Bros. Richard Harvey and Hugh Leonard M.R.I.A. were re-elected as representatives of the Provincial Grand Lodge on the Board of General Purposes at the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and Bros. Hesse and Turner were re-elected on the Grand Lodge of Instruction.

A vote of thanks was eloquently proposed by Bro. William B. Kaye LL.D., and seconded by Bro. John G. Winder J.P., and cordially assented to by the meeting, to Bro. James Hesse, late Grand Secretary, on his retiring from office, after which the meeting closed.

The brethren in the evening dined at the Beresford Arms Hotel, under the presidency of the most popular Grand Master Bro. Maxwell C. Close M.P., Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

The dinner and viands were supplied by Bro. Trauter, in his usual style.

## BOMBAY.

Caledonia Lodge, No. 490, S.C.—A regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held in the Scottish Masonic Hall, Khumballa-hill-road, on Wednesday, 27th June 1877, when there were present—R.W. Bro. Lang W.M., J. B. Thomson I.P.M., Freeborn P.M., Clark D.M., A. Taylor S.M., Rodger S.W., Dr. Doolittle J.W., Houston Treasurer, Purvis Sec., Cooper S.D., Minns as J.D., Allan Jeweller, Ogg I.G., Smith Tyler, and a numerous attendance of the members. Amongst the visitors were R.W. Bros. Tudball, Tomlinson, R. M. Patell, and several brethren from Sister Lodges. After the Lodge had been opened in due and ancient form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the R.W. Master intimated that the first portion of his duty was to carry out the unanimous wish of the brethren by the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to R. W. Bro. Thomson I.P.M. This presentation, he said, should have taken place at the last meeting of the Lodge, but he now felt glad that it had been postponed, as there were so many more brethren present to witness the ceremony. A large number of these, if not all, were aware of R.W. Bro. Thomson's worth to the cause of Freemasonry, and of his indefatigable exertions in the interests of the Craft in general, and it was a pleasing duty indeed for him, as Master of Caledonia Lodge, to have the privilege of attaching this bright ornament on a brother's breast, worthy in every way, and he trusted that R.W. Bro. Thomson would long live to wear it, and, if he ever left for other climes, he would continue to look upon it as a remembrance of past happy days. This was but a slight mark of the esteem in which Brother Thomson was held by the brethren of Caledonia, but it was offered as a token of good will and appreciation of the many valuable services rendered to the Lodge by him during his occupation of the Eastern chair. The R.W.M. having resumed his seat, R.W. Bro. Thomson, who was enthusiastically received, replied most appropriately, thanking the R.W. Master, officers and brethren of Lodge Caledonia for their high appreciation of his services, and for their kindness in conferring the honour upon him of presenting him with a P.M.'s jewel—a mark of their esteem and brotherly love which he highly prized, and which on every fitting occasion he would wear on his breast, throughout his lifetime, with unalloyed pleasure, as a memento of the fraternal union that existed

between the brethren of the Lodge and himself. Whilst further expressing his obligation to R.W. Bro. Lang for the cordial manner in which the presentation had been made, Bro. Thomson observed that he had been a number of years one of "Caledonia's" members; he might say, in fact, from its infancy; and he hoped to continue so for many years to come. During his membership he had held every office in the Lodge, as his only object and endeavour was to promote its interests in every way, and this he hoped to be spared to continue to do for a long time yet. Bro. Thomson sat down amidst the warm congratulations of all present. After the termination of this most interesting part of the evening's proceedings, Bro. Schenck was passed to the Fellow Craft's degree, and Bro. Adams, of "Truth" Lodge, 944 E.C., was unanimously balloted for and affiliated. Bro. Rodger S.W., being about to proceed to England, requested that some brother be allowed to act for him during his temporary absence. This being acceded to, the R.W. Master expressed his regret at being deprived of the services of Bro. Rodger, even for a time, but wished him a prosperous voyage and a speedy return. This brought the business part of the proceedings to a termination, when the brethren retired to banquet, and enjoyed a few happy hours around the festive board. Free, full and heartfelt expressions were given vent to by brethren and guests alike at the pleasure they all experienced in witnessing the satisfactory manner in which P.M. Thomson's valuable and eminent services had been recognised and rewarded by the Lodge.

On Wednesday, 24th July, the Caledonia Lodge held its monthly meeting, in the Scottish Masonic Hall, under the hiram of the R.W.M. Bro. Lang. The officers present were W. Bro. Thomson I.P.M., Thorpe Dep. M., Taylor Sub. Master, Yates S.W., Doolittle J.W., Houston Treasurer, Purvis Secretary, Brown S.D. Farber J.D., Allan Jeweller, Rule I.G., Smith Tyler; Bros. Schenck, Rawlins, Adams, Hearn, J. B. Smith, &c., &c. Visitors—R.W. Bros. Rowell, McClumpha, Waite and others. The Lodge was opened at 7.30 p.m., when the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, as also those of the standing committee. Bros. Schenck and Rawlins were raised to the sublime degree by the R.W. Bro. Lang, the ceremony being conducted in the most impressive manner, with the aid of appropriate music. The onerous part devolving on the W. Master, and the effective style of his delivery, combined with a thorough knowledge of the legend and ritual, proved that he was in every sense eminently qualified to occupy the chair, and perform its responsible duties with credit and ability, and that the proud position of the Caledonia Lodge would be upheld whilst he wielded its hiram. The Lodge was then reduced, when Bro. Hearn was advanced to the rank of F.C. To show the flourishing condition of its finances, it was unanimously resolved to invest a portion of the cash balance of the Lodge in 4 per cent. Government Paper, and this satisfactory arrangement brought the business of the meeting to a close, after which those present sat down to banquet, where the usual toasts of obligation, &c. were given and responded to in a fraternal manner.

## REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.

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*Subtle Brains and Lisson Fingers.* By Andrew Wynter, M.D., Author of "Curiosities of Civilization," "Our Social Bees," &c. New Edition, Revised and Enlarged. By Andrew Steinmetz, of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law. London: Hardwicke & Bogue, 192 Piccadilly. 1877.

So much that is published now-a-days is so utterly worthless, that the appearance of a new edition of an old and deservedly popular work is matter for the heartiest congratulation. The late Dr. Wynter was favourably known in the literary world for his devotion to the study of important social and domestic subjects. He was most patient in his researches, and had accumulated vast stores of knowledge. The consequence is that, when we take up one of his essays, we find the main question surrounded and elucidated by such a mass of information that we wonder how and whence he can have procured it all. At the same time the manner in which he arranges his facts is so admirable, there is so little effort at display, and his style is so easy and unaffected, that it seems as though he were chatting confidentially with his readers instead of imparting to them valuable lessons in science. The first edition of this work made its appearance in 1864, and therefore Mr. Steinmetz, in undertaking the duty of preparing a new edition, has necessarily found much to alter or modify in the original essays, while, by the aid of more recent discoveries he has been in a position to furnish a considerable amount of entirely new matter. Some of the papers, he tells us, have been re-written, and two articles have been added. Thus, as regards the subjects, which, in the course of time, would of necessity undergo further change, the book may be considered as almost a new one. Great praise is due to Mr. Steinmetz for the manner in which he has fulfilled his duty, and while the merit of having originated the work will ever remain with Dr. Wynter, we feel that Mr. Steinmetz has worthily followed in the footsteps of his predecessor, as will be gathered from the two essays which are entirely his.

The book treats of every variety of subject, beginning with an account of the remains of what was a flourishing city in the days when Britain was a province of the Roman Empire, and passing on to Coroner's Inquests, Circulating Libraries, Trade Marks, Photographic Portraiture, and the Postal Telegraph. In the first essay, the author tells us what he saw—when exploring in the neighbourhood of Shrewsbury—of the "Buried Roman City in Britain," and how, driving about with a friend, they came upon part of an old wall which had once belonged to "a large building in the form of a parallelogram

divided into three compartments; the middle one being 226 feet long and 30 feet wide, the side aisles, if we may so term them, being of exactly the same length, but one only 14 feet wide, and the other 13 feet 9 inches wide at one end and 16 feet at the other. The middle compartment is paved with brick in the herring-bone pattern, but portions of tessellated floors were found at the eastern extremity of the northern lateral chamber. Archæologists are puzzled as to the nature of the building, but it has been ascertained that it stood in the angle formed by the intersection of two streets, and was entered from both of them. "Along its western façade ran the great Roman military highway which connected London with Chester, still in use and known under the Saxon name of Watling Street." A Committee of Excavation in its explorations and excavations came upon a fine hypocaust or hot-air chamber such as the Romans were in the habit of building beneath the ground floor for the purpose of warming the rooms above. This was "in almost as perfect a state as when Roman fires were first circulated through it. The pillars of tiles were in perfect order, and the soot still adhered to their sides as though the smoke had only passed through them yesterday." Other smaller hypocausts were discovered, and in one case "what we may term the stokehole of one of these hypocausts remains still intact. Three steps, formed out of single slabs of stone, sharp almost as the day they came from the stone-dresser's hands, lead to an arched opening of splendid workmanship, which directly communicated with the hot-air chamber." Hard by this stoke-hole "there was found an ash-heap—a Romano-British ash-heap," and here, of course, was discovered a number of "unconsidered trifles, but of priceless worth, as illustrating the everyday life of the inhabitants." Pieces of pottery, hairpins of bone, pieces of window-glass, boxes of birds and animals, and even oyster shells, with bone needles and ornamental fibulæ, coins, &c. In the hypocaust leading from the stoke-hole, the workmen discovered, "crouched up in the north-west corner, the skeleton of an old man, and close to him (the ruling passion strong in death) was found a little heap of coins, and among them fragments of wood and nails, evidently the remains of a small box or coffer, decayed by time, which had once held the old man's treasure. These coins, 132 in number, were all, with two exceptions, of copper, leading to the inference that he was a domestic." Close by was found "the skeleton of a woman, and huddled against the northern wall was another." In the ground adjoining was found "the skeleton of a baby, so young that its teeth were still uncut. Other skeletons, chiefly of females, were found a little eastward, while southward of this block of buildings were the lower walls and pavement of a court some forty feet square, on the north and south sides of which runs a row of chambers from ten to twelve feet square. In excavating the rubbish of these rooms stores of different substances were found; in one a quantity of charcoal, in another the bones, horns, &c., chiefly of the red deer and the ox, and the tusks of boars. On the antlers of the deer were visible saw-marks and signs of tools, and some had been turned in a lathe. Pottery, too, was found in great abundance, "including a piece of Samian ware repaired with metal rivets, and some not inelegant Romano-Salopian pottery, made from fine Broseley clay." Then there were keys, chains, rings, shackles, and "scores of cock's legs with natural spurs, filed evidently to fit on bronze ones. That they knew how to fight a main of cocks at Uriconium is quite evident, and those legs in all probability were those of celebrated victors." Among other relics were a leaden cock, evidently a child's toy, "and preserved in the museum at Shrewsbury are to be seen combs of bone, bodkins, men's studs and buttons of bronze, &c., &c., and the seal of a physician who vended a patent eye-salve, bearing the inscription, as rendered into English, "the dialibanum of Tiberius Claudius, the physician for all complaints of the eyes, to be used with egg."

(To be continued.)

"BAPTISM" AMONG INDIANS.—The Indians in the territory (Wyoming) are the Shoshones and Bannacks. They are mostly peaceable, though in 1876 there was a good deal of ill blood stirred up amongst them by the Mormons. These polygamous "saints" started a propaganda among the Indians, holding out, among other inducements to the aborigines, that, as they were the "chosen people," they should inherit the "Gentiles'" houses when they were driven out of the country. Instantly an unwonted desire to be baptised or "washed," as the Indians call it, seized on the natives. A Mormon bishop stood up to his waist in water all day long washing his unsavoury converts. His zeal resulting in nothing, for beyond the unwonted ablutions the Indians had not the most remote notion of what it was all about, and having received their presents they returned to the agency. Still for a long time afterwards they looked upon the rite as a something which absolved them from the consequences of their acts. When caught in such familiar peccadilloes as horse stealing or petty theft generally, they would assume an air of great dignity, and indignantly reply to the soft impeachment, "Me good Mormon; me heap wash!" From "The Countries of the World" by Dr. Robert Brown, for September.

Mr. A. Henderson's opera-bouffe company have appeared at the Theatre Royal, Brighton, where the novelty has been the production of a three act opera-bouffe by Offenbach, the libretto by Bros. H. B. Farnic and R. Reece. The charming singing and acting of Misses Nelly Bromley, Kate Munroe and Violet Cameron was highly appreciated. Bro. John Howson, a comedian of Australian and American celebrity, has made a great hit. Several of his songs will become extremely popular. The opera was preceded by a new musical romance, entitled the Sea Nymphs, in which Miss Kathleen Corri distinguished herself; she was assisted by Mr. C. Drew, who has an excellent voice, and by Mr. Bedford. Bro. John Fitzgerald provided a very efficient band. Bros. Lionel Brongh and E. Saker have been giving an entertainment at the Royal Aquarium, to crowded and appreciative audiences. The refreshment department here is now under the direction of Mr. Geo. Reeves Smith jun., a son of the energetic manager,

## 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, 8th SEPTEMBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.  
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.  
1656—Surrey Club, Wellesley-road, Croydon.

## MONDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER.

- 45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (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.)  
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (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 6.  
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.  
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.  
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.  
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.  
292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.  
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.  
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.  
451—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Reading.  
589—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.  
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.  
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.  
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.  
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.  
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.  
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate.  
1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
1449—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury.  
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.  
1611—Eboracum, Micklegate, York.  
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

## TUESDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER.

- 55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)  
167—St. John's, Hully Bush Tavern, Hampstead, at 4.  
177—Domatio, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)  
860—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Bridge, S.W.  
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.)  
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.  
184—United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.  
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.  
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.  
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)  
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.  
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.  
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.  
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge.  
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.  
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.  
R. A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.

## WEDNESDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER.

- Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.  
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)  
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.)  
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)  
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.  
281—Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.  
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.  
872—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.  
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.  
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.  
1342—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.  
1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.  
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.  
1620—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Staffs.  
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.  
1643—Perseverance, Station Hotel, Hebburn.  
M. M. 102—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.  
R. A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.

## THURSDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)  
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.  
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)  
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.  
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.  
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.  
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.

- 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.  
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.  
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.  
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.  
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.  
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.  
1098—St. George's, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.  
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1204—Royd's Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.  
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.  
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.  
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.

## FRIDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
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.)  
1280—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1278—Burdett Contts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.  
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.  
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1087—Beaudestert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.  
1280—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.  
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.  
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.

## SATURDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER.

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

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

## SATURDAY.

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

## MONDAY.

- 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.  
R. A. 308—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.

## TUESDAY.

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

## WEDNESDAY.

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

## THURSDAY.

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

## FRIDAY.

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

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

- MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.  
TUESDAY—1—Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.  
WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate, Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.  
R. A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.  
THURSDAY—8—Journeymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.  
FRIDAY—56—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

## GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

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

- MONDAY—54—St. Machar, Freemasons' Hall, Aberdeen.  
" 102—St. Mark's, 213 Buchannan-street, Glasgow.  
" 204—St. Paul, George Inn, High-street, Ayr.  
" 205—Garthland, St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Loch Winnoch.  
" 219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.  
" 307—Union and Crown, Freemasons' Hall, Barrhead. 7 o'clock.  
" 362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.  
" 384—Athol, Washington Hotel, Kirkintilloch.  
" 503—St. George, Odd Fellows' Hall, Helensburgh.  
" 541—Marie Stuart, Freemasons' Hall, Crosshill, Glasgow.  
TUESDAY—76—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, Thistle-street, Sterling.  
" 122—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Perth.  
" 230—St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hotel, Old Cumnock.  
" 233—Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton.  
" 299—Panmure, Freemasons' Hall, Hill-street, Arbroath.  
" 413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
" 419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.  
" 426—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Renfrew.  
" 441—Glasgow, 21 Struthers-street, Glasgow.  
" 543—St. John, Dalmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Dalmuir.  
" 556—Clydesdale, 106 Rose-street, Glasgow.  
WEDNESDAY—40—St. Thomas, Abbey Inn, Arbroath.  
" 178—Scotia, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.  
" 333—St. George, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
" 370—Renfrew County Kilwinning, 8 High-street, Paisley.  
" 510—Mary Hill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill.  
THURSDAY—R. A. 50—Glasgow, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
" 88—New Monkland, Montrose, Town Hall, Airdrie.  
" 109—St. Marnock, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.  
" 557—Blantyre, Craig Hall, High Blantyre.  
" 570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.  
FRIDAY—18—Dumbarton, Church-street, Dumbarton.  
" 153—Royal Arch, Cogen-street, Pollockshaw.  
" 170—Leven St. John, Black Bull Inn, Renton, at 7.  
" 399—Royal Blue, Commercial Hotel, Kilburnie, at 7.  
" 553—St. Vincent, 221 Dumbarton-road, Glasgow.  
SATURDAY—512—Thorn-tree, School-room, Thornliebank, Glasgow, at 6.30.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.**—On Thursday, the 6th of September, at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Appleby, W.M., Franklin S.W., W. Hallows J.W., Pinder Preceptor, Upward S.D., Hunt J.D., Lovelock I.G.; also Bros. F. Hallows, Groome, Rubery, E. Abrams 1602, J. Gibbs 1602, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Groome candidate. Bro. Appleby worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. It was proposed by Bro. Upward and seconded by Bro. Franklin that Bros. Abrams and Gibbs become members of this Lodge of Instruction. Carried unanimously. Proposed by Bro. P. M. Pinder, and seconded by Bro. Franklin S.W., that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Appleby for his able conduct in the chair. Bro. Franklin will preside at the next meeting.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—Met at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday last, the 3rd instant. Present—Bros. R. Percy W.M., Millward S.W., Isaac J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Stook S.D., Hunter J.D., Weeden I.G., Christopher Tyler; there were also present Bros. Kidder, Powell, Edwards, Trewinnard, Hall, Burtle, Garrod, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, in a faultless manner, Bro. Powell candidate. The W.M. worked the 1st and 2nd, Bro. Tolmie the 3rd, and the W.M. the 4th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. Burtle of the Kingsland Lodge 1693, and Bro. W. F. Garrod of the Crusaders Lodge 1677, were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Millward was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, after which the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. This being the first meeting after the recess, it was hoped a large gathering of the members would have taken place; but the elements proved unpropitious (Jupiter Pluvius being in the ascendant); this must have had the effect of keeping away a great number, who would otherwise have favoured the Lodge by their presence; however, we look forward to more numerously attended meetings on future Monday evenings.

**Angel Lodge, No. 51.**—On Tuesday evening, 4th inst., about twenty brethren of this Lodge invited Bro. W. S. Sprent, R.A., S.W. to meet them at supper at the Lodge Room, to bid him farewell, he having obtained his Captaincy and been ordered to Dublin. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. T. J. Ralling P.G.S., who was on a holiday excursion, in Cornwall, the chair was ably filled by Bro. G. Gard Pye I.P.M., and the S.W.'s chair by Bro. C. O. G. Becker P.M. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Welch P.M. rose and remarked that he had been entrusted by the W.M. with the gavel. In his well known terse and appropriate style, he told Bro. Sprent the great regret that the brethren present, and the Lodge generally, felt at his removal from Colchester, after having been amongst them for a period of 12 years. He concluded an admirable speech by asking Bro. Sprent's acceptance of a cigarette case, which had been subscribed for by a few personal friends, who did not like him to go away without taking with him some mark of the esteem in which he was so deservedly held. Bro. Sprent acknowledged the presentation in very feeling terms, saying that he would ever remember the kindness that he had received from the brethren at Colchester. The cigarette case, which was a massive silver one, was supplied by Bro. H. Samuel P.M., of Colchester, and contained the following inscription:—"Presented to Capt. W. S. Sprent, R.A., on his leaving, by a few brethren of the Angel Lodge, No. 51. Colchester, September 1877."

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.**—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 4th September. Present—Bros. Pewsey W.M., West S.W., Daniel J.W., Sayer S.D., Ellis J.D., Harris I.G., Rudderforth Preceptor, Hollands Sec.; Bros. Walker, Parker, Posener, Wharman, Maidwell, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wharman candidate. Bro. Maidwell answered the questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted. The Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Maidwell duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Ellis, assisted by Bro. Rudderforth and the brethren. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. West was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. The votes of the Lodge for the Boys' and Girls' Schools were asked for by Bro. Daniel W.M. 65, seconded by Bro. Rudderforth, and carried unanimously. Bro. Rudderforth will be thankful for any votes forwarded to him at the above address, as Lodge 65 is anxious to carry in a deserving case. The Lodge was closed in due form.

**Caledonian of Unity Chapter, No. 73.**—Held its regular monthly meeting on 29th August. G. W. Wheeler Z., J. O. Park H., W. Gunn J., Jas. Balfour S.E., J. Bannerman T., D. Gilchrist P.Z. acting as 1st S., Wm. Harden 2nd S., J. McCarne 3rd S. The nomination of officers for the ensuing year was the principal business, after which Comp. Wheeler, assisted by Past Principals Gilchrist and McDonald, conferred the three installed principals degrees on Comp. Alexander Macpherson and others of the Paisley Chapter, No. 112, at the request of the Companions of that Chapter.

**Thistle and Rose Lodge, No. 73.**—Met at 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, 4th inst., Bro. John Kinnaird R.W.M.

in the chair. The three degrees were worked in excellent style, all the principal officers being in their respective chairs.

**Panmure Mark Masters' Lodge, No. 139.**—This Lodge met at the Balham Hotel, Balham, S.W., on Monday the 3rd inst., being the occasion of the seventh Installation. In the absence of the W.M. Bro. D. Trusler, the Lodge was opened by the V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.G.O., in addition to whom were present the W.M. elect, Bros. Mark S. Larham S.W., Wm. Poore J.W., M. Spiegel M.O., J. W. Gibson J.O., C. P. McKay Sec., Geo. Lilley P.M. Treas., J. J. Joseph R.M., W. Ackland J.D., W. Mitchell Steward. The W.M. attended later in the evening, and there were also present Past Masters the W. Bro. Thos. Poore G.I.G., and Chas. Pulman, also Bros. Gush, Miller, Sheard, Burney, Steadman, Mitchell, Rawles, Cackett and others. Bro. Osman Vincent, W.M. of the Abercorn Lodge, was duly advanced into the honourable degree. Several other candidates sent apologies for non-attendance, the influence of the "holiday season" being manifest in each. Bro. Poore then installed into the chair of A. Bro. Mark Samuel Larham, who having been cordially congratulated, commenced his duties as W.M. by appointing his officers in the following order, viz.:—Bros. Wm. Poore S.W., M. Spiegel J.W., C. P. McKay M.O., J. W. Gibson S.O., W. Ackland J.O., James Stevens P.M. Sec., J. J. Joseph R.M. and S.D., W. Mitchell J.D., W. B. Miller I.G., W. Cackett D.C., E. Mitchell Steward. Each officer was, on investment, at the request of the W.M., addressed as to his duties by Bro. Stevens P.M. Bro. Geo. Lilley P.M. was reinstalled Treasurer by unanimous vote of the Lodge. Bro. Grant's resignation of office, as Tyler, occasioned by ill health and increasing infirmity, was received with regret, and a motion by Bro. Stevens that Bro. Grant should receive a life pension, equivalent to two-thirds of the usual Tyler's fees, was carried *nem con.* Bro. W. Steadman was then elected to the vacant office. Candidates were proposed for advancement at ensuing meeting, and the Lodge was then closed in due form with solemn prayer. Refreshment followed labour, and the W.M. proved his proficiency as president at the social board. The usual Masonic toasts having been honoured, harmony prevailed, and a pleasant evening was the result.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—This Lodge held its first meeting of the season on Saturday, the 1st September, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. H. P. Isaac W.M., A. W. Fenner S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Killick Secretary, Halford Treasurer, Goode S.D., J. A. Powell J.D., De Silva I.G. Visitors—Bros. Burtle Kingsland Lodge 1693, J. Brock Emulation 299. Business—The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Gibbs candidate. Several sections were worked by the W.M. and Preceptor. Bros. Burtle and Brock were elected members, and Bro. Fenner was appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

**Jordan Lodge of Instruction, No. 201.**—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Tuesday the 4th inst., at the Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W. Present—Bros. Hurdell W.M., Docker S.W., Ben. Phillips J.W., Belfrage S.D., Hiscox J.D., Fox I.G., Bentley P.M.; Bros. Morgan, Baker, Martin, Pope, Morgan jun., Latreille, &c. Lodge was duly opened in the three degrees. Ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Baker candidate. Lodge resumed to 1st degree. 1st and 2nd sections were worked. Bros. Latreille, Phillips, Baker, Bentley, Morgan and Morgan jun. were elected members.

**Union Lodge, No. 332.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting at 213 Buchanan-street, on Monday, 3rd inst., Bro. J. McKirdy R.W.M. in the chair, who was well supported by his officers. The work consisted of an entering, passing, and raising.

**Dramatic Lodge, No. 571, Glasgow.**—Met at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 5th inst., Bro. H. W. Jackman R.W.M. presiding. Owing to the absence from town of sundry members, it being the holiday season, there was only a small attendance. One brother was passed and another raised, both ceremonies being admirably performed.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Perrin W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., Finch J.W., Dallas Sec. *pro tem*, Smyth Treas., Wardell S.D., Weige J.D., Sanders I.G.; Bros. Webb, Young, and several others. Business—Lodge opened in due form; minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Webb acted as candidate, and the initiation ceremony was rehearsed. The W.M. then opened the Lodge in 2nd and 3rd degrees, and closed down to the first, after which he called the brethren from labour to refreshment, and again from refreshment to labour. Bro. Webb worked the 3rd section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. C. Lorkin was appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—Held at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 31st August. Present—Bros. Fenner W.M., Kent S.W., Edwards J.W., Simmonds S.D., Townsend J.D., Lane I.G., and Bros. Bolton, Hine, Crouch, Tutton, R. W. Percy, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., in an excellent manner, Bro. Hine being candidate. The W.M. worked the 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Hine and Edwards were unanimously elected members. Bro. Kent will fill the chair at the next meeting.

**Wentworth Lodge, No. 1239.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, the 3rd of September, at Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield. Present—Bros. S. B. Ellis W.M., Dr. W. R. Thomas S.W., Robert Renton J.W., John Clark Sec., H. J. Garnett P.M. and Treas., Chas. Hill S.D., J. E. Darling J.D., G. E. Bennett P.M. D.C., H. T. Holmes and H. Nixon Stewards, A. Hills I.G. Past Masters Bros. J. B. Wostinholm, F. M. Tindall, A. Scargill, and Wm. White. Visitors—Bros. B. Saville W.M. 904, J. Fawcett, C. H. Perrot, W. C. Smith, P.M.'s of 904, and several other brethren. Business—After preliminaries, the ballot was successfully taken for a candidate for initiation; two candidates for initiation were then proposed. Bro. J. E. Townsend was passed to the 2nd degree; Bros. J. P. Hewitt and Arthur Cooper were raised to the 3rd degree. The ceremonies were excellently rendered by the W.M. After supper, the usual toasts received due honour, and were interspersed with some capital songs, recitations, &c.; altogether, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

**Acacia Lodge, No. 1309.**—The eighth installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Halliford, on Tuesday, 28th August. Bro. C. G. Rushworth W.M. opened the Lodge. The minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The minutes and report of the Audit Committee were read and adopted. The W.M. completed his year of office by raising Bro. T. Noton to the third degree; all his work has been done in an able and efficient manner; he now vacated his chair in favour of one who may well be called the founder and father of the Lodge, who performed the ceremony of installation in a manner which elicited the admiration of all assembled. Bro. J. W. George appointed and invested his officers, and afterwards conferred the second degree on Bro. Dr. T. Gurney. Bro. C. J. Rushworth was presented with a Past Master's jewel, one of the most valuable and chastely elegant in design that we have ever witnessed. The officers for the ensuing year are Bros. J. W. George W.M., C. G. Rushworth I.P.M., C. G. C. Stahr P.M. 871 S.W., R. P. Tebb J.W., Rev. J. Fothergill Chap., F. Walters P.P.G.D. Midlx. P.M. Treas. (re-invested third time), Rev. T. W. Cave LL.D. Secretary (re-invested second time), J. Davies Assist. Secretary, J. Scott S.D., C. L. Smiles J.D., J. Sutcliffe I.G., Sjoberg D.C., Cave jun. W.S., Tremear Organist, W. Y. Laing P.M. Tyler. The visitors were Bros. H. C. Levander P.G. Secretary Middlesex P.M., C. E. Young 122 Scottish Constitution, Pitt 890, R. Jenning J.W. 907, Gordon 907, and Kimbell 1541.

**The Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383.**—Met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Tuesday, 4th instant, at 3.30. There were present W. Bros. Major George Barlow P.M. W.M., Col. Randolph S.W., Kenneth R. Murchison J.W., J. W. Waldron S.D., William R. Gamul Farmer J.D., Captain Hicks I.G., W. Hyde Pullen Secretary, Rev. F. Kill Harford, M.A., Chaplain, Captain N. G. Philips P.M. S.G.D., Dr. Robt. Hamilton D.G.M. of Jamaica, C. Hutton Gregory C.M.G. P.G.D., Col. Somerville Burney P.M., C. E. Hollingsworth P.M., Captain W. Portlock Dadson and W. A. Dalrymple Hay. Visitors—Bros. John Read P.M. Asaph Lodge, the Rev. Hugh Pearson Bayard Lodge, and C. R. Rivington Antiquity Lodge. Bro. Dalrymple Hay was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason; Bro. John Vanco, of the Shakspearian Lodge of Ireland, elected a joining member; and Lieut. the Hon. W. S. Bateman-Hanbury, of the 2nd Life Guards, proposed as a candidate for initiation. On the motion of W. Bro. Captain Philips S.G. Deacon, donations of thirty guineas each were voted to the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys and for Girls, and £30 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

**Thames Valley Lodge, No. 1460.**—This Lodge met on Saturday, the 1st inst., at the Swan Hotel, Halliford. Bro. W. T. Howe A.G.P. W.M., Townsend as S.W., E. P. Barlow P.M. 15 as J.W., W. Paas P.M. Treas., Lieut. Col. Peters P.M., Rev. Dr. Brette P.M., and Llewellyn Jones P.M. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bro. Barnard was raised to the 3rd degree. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet and dessert of recherche description. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Lieut. Col. Peters (the father of the Lodge) returned thanks for the P.M.'s. The visitors were Bros. Hayworth P.M. 15 and 101, E. P. Barlow P.M. 15, Lewis, &c.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**—At the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E., on Wednesday, 5th September 1877. Present—Bro. J. Lorkin W.M., Woolley S.W., Francis J.W., Maples S.D., McMillan J.D., C. Lorkin I.G., W. Fieldwick Preceptor, and Bros. E. Dietrich, J. B. Shackleton, G. Ferrar, A. Little, J. Lovelock, O. Dietrich, &c. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. J. B. Shackleton then worked the sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The bye-laws of the Lodge having been read, according to custom, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, and resulted as follows:—Bros. W. Fieldwick Preceptor, G. Ferrar Treasurer, and E. Dietrich Secretary. These brethren acknowledged the compliment. A vote of thanks was enthusiastically passed to the brethren who had held the offices during the last year. Bro. J. B. Shackleton, in replying, expressed his regret at having to relinquish the Secretaryship of the Lodge of Instruction, in consequence of other pressing duties. An efficient audit committee was then appointed, consisting of Bros. Francis, Lovelock, and C. Lorkin, and the audit is to take place at the Havelock Tavern, on Monday evening next, at 8 p.m. Bro. Woolley was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Notice was again given that the Annual Dinner of the Lodge will take place on Wednesday, 10th October, at 8 p.m.

**Earl Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.**—At the weekly meeting, on Friday, the 31st August, at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting-hill, Bros. Adkins W.M., Penn S.W.,

Smout J.W., Parkhouse S.D., Poulter J.D., Newland I.G., Savage Preceptor; also Bros. Murlis P.M., Spiegel, Cushman, Kelly, Hook, Tettenborn, Stephens, Lyon, &c. After preliminary business, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Kelly being the candidate. Bro. Lyon was then elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Spiegel called attention to the injustice often done to brethren who do not belong to the mother Lodge by not placing them in office so frequently as others who do so belong. This has the effect of deterring many brethren who reside in the neighbourhood, who desire to make themselves as perfect as possible in all degrees, from attending every Friday. This is the more to be regretted as this is the only Lodge of Instruction in the neighbourhood. Bro. Murlis, W.M. of the mother Lodge, quite agreed with Bro. Spiegel. So far as he had power, he would take special care that there shall be no favour shown to any one in particular, and he begged the brethren of the mother Lodge to act in the same spirit in this respect. Bro. Murlis will occupy the chair at the next meeting.

## AFTER AN ADVERSE BALLOT—WHAT?

**T**HAT the ballot upon the application of a candidate for the degrees in Masonry must be secret, and that it must result in a unanimous approval of the petitioner, in order to give him admission, is an unquestioned law of our Institution. In the common usage of the Craft, and in the general regulations expressly laid down or implied respecting the ballot, it is provided that all members of a Lodge present at a meeting regularly called to act upon the application of a candidate shall vote, unless excused for some special reason by action of the Lodge. This requirement that all shall exercise the privilege of the ballot is essential to the maintenance of its secrecy; for, if any other usage were to prevail, it would be easy to put a mark upon a brother who might cast an adverse vote. Thus in a certain Masonic organization, not long ago, when the ballot was to be repeated, it having been foul at the first trial, the presiding officer declared that "friends of the candidate" were excused from voting, and then voting himself with one or two of his officers, he announced the ballot as clear and the candidate elected. In this case there was some strong provocation for the course pursued, and there was no intention of wrongdoing, nevertheless such a course could not stand, and the ballot was set aside by the proper authority.

The intention of Masonry is that the conscience and judgment of each individual member shall be regarded as paramount in this matter of the ballot, and that no brother shall be called to account or be made to suffer in any way by reason of his having cast this adverse vote. This being the case, there does not seem to be any justification for the course sometimes taken after an adverse ballot, when the friends of a rejected candidate seem determined to discuss the action on its merits, and to ascertain if possible from whom came the opposing vote or votes. Many years ago, Past Grand Master Drummond, of Maine, expressed what seems to us the only proper view to be taken. He said: "It is a Masonic crime to discuss the result of the ballot in the Lodge or out of the Lodge. When the result of the ballot is declared, there should be an end of all discussion and all action until a new petition is presented. To borrow a term, it should be a *finality*. Such was the practice among the fathers. But now the practice is, as soon as a negative ballot is declared the friends of the candidate begin to consider who the objector was. They discuss the matter with themselves, if not with others. All the acts of the suspected brother are canvassed. They see a deep meaning in the most common things. 'Trifles light as air,' are to them, 'confirmation strong as proofs of holy writ.' Sinister motives are not unfrequently attributed to him. They feel estranged from him at once.

Such ought not to be the result of an adverse ballot. In passing upon the application for degrees or membership each member has the right to exercise his own judgment in the use of the ballot. More than this, it is his sacred duty to exercise the privilege—to vote independently and conscientiously. To enable him thus to act the manner of taking the ballot should be absolutely secret, and when the result is arrived at it should be accepted without fault, finding, or reflections upon the brother or brothers who presumably voted in the negative. Any other course will be very likely to bring in discussions and heartburnings, to create parties, and lead to practices subversive of the true character of the Masonic Institution.

But what shall be done when it is known and felt by almost the entire membership of a Lodge that two or three brethren, perhaps only a single member, acted from some unworthy motive in causing the rejection of a candidate? Is there no way of reaching these base, cowardly ones who are Masons only in name? Can they not be held accountable; the reasons for their course be inquired into, and passed upon by the Lodge, and they be summarily dealt with, if it shall be shown that they have abused the privilege of the ballot? By no means, only provided that such brethren are wise enough to keep their own lips closed.

If in open Lodge or elsewhere they should boast of an adverse vote that they had cast, declaring that their action had been predicated on some reason that ought not to come into the account at all, then no doubt they might be dealt with for unmasonic conduct. But the rule laid down always prevails, *viz.*: Every brother must be protected in the right to vote, that vote to be given without the knowledge of any other person; the nature of that vote must not be inquired into by the Lodge, or by any individual brother outside the Lodge; nor must he be called to account for his adverse vote on any surmises or suspicions that he may have abused the use of the ballot. This was the law laid down by the fathers of our Institution, and it cannot be departed from without grievous risks. Under some circumstances adherence thereto may seem to work badly, and to be in opposition to the equities of a particular case; but in the long run such a course will be found to justify itself, and to be promotive of the harmony, good fellowship, and abundant prosperity of the Institution.—*Repository*.

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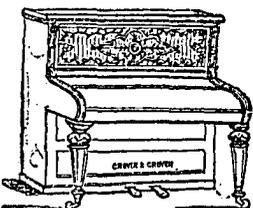
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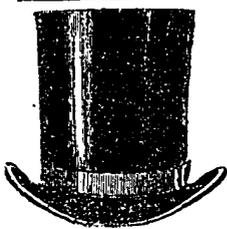
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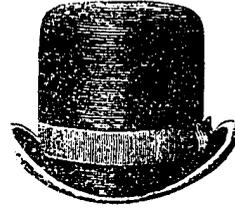
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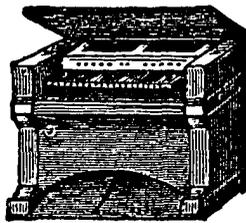
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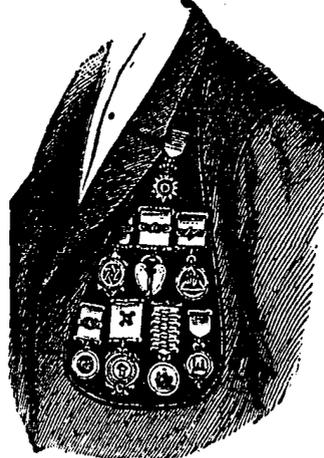
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