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## ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION AND FOR OFFICE.

A GLANCE at the Grand Lodge Calendar will suffice to show that the period of our holidays is about drawing to its close, and that, in a very brief time, the great majority of our Lodges will be in the full swing of work. It would seem therefore not inopportune to offer a few remarks on two important matters—the eligibility of persons who offer themselves as candidates for admission into our ranks, and the eligibility of members for office in our Lodges. We are aware we have touched on these two questions already more than once, but under existing circumstances we trust our readers will excuse us for again dealing with them. An apology, indeed, is hardly necessary, seeing that the future welfare of our Society is regulated, for good or for evil, according as we regard these points seriously or with indifference. Those eminent brethren to whom the duty of consecrating new Lodges is so often entrusted, never lose an opportunity of cautioning the officers and members of the Lodge against the careless acceptance of candidates, and what they do invariably, we certainly may take upon ourselves to do occasionally.

And first, then, as to candidates for admission, either as initiates or joining members. Some short time since we pointed out, with an emphasis which the importance of the case appeared to us to demand, that the law as to the proposing of candidates was very carelessly observed. If we may be permitted to use such an expression, in many cases applicants for initiation are rushed through the portals of the Lodge just as though Freemasonry had no other end in view than to include as many members as possible. In the instances we refer to, members, in fact, were called upon to vote for a candidate of whose antecedents they probably knew nothing, and about whom hardly sufficient time was allowed to make the necessary inquiries. Having faith in the discretion of the proposers, brethren voted affirmatively for a person, who might turn out a worthy addition to our ranks or who might not. We pointed out, further, that if only the provisions of our law were observed, the chance of electing an indifferent person would be reduced to something like a minimum. Now, we do not think so ill of any brother as to imagine that he would wantonly propose a candidate who was unworthy of associating with other members of the Lodge. We assume, therefore, that all whose names are placed on a notice of meeting to be balloted for are reputable persons, that is, they stand well before the world as regards character and means; but it is a great mistake to suppose that these, though they are essential requirements, are the only ones we have to take into account. A man may be morally and pecuniarily acceptable, but it by no means follows that he will be a benefit, much less an ornament, to a Lodge. He may, for instance, be a cantankerous personage, or, worse still, inclined to quarrel on the slightest provocation. He may be ready to take offence where it was impossible that any offence could possibly be intended. He may be given to scheming for his own ends, inordinately ambitious, or prone to cliquism, in all which cases we opine he would be unsuited to become the associate of the other members. Before all things, it is necessary that complete harmony should prevail in a Lodge, otherwise the sense of fraternity, which binds brethren together, will be conspicuous by its absence. How is it possible to fraternise—we use the word, in its proper sense—with a person who

is always objecting to what you say, who makes a point of opposing every proposition which does not emanate from himself, who is ready to misinterpret a brother's meaning, and who thinks he is doing all the good in the world by organising a faction or clique in furtherance of his own peculiar views. There must be discord in a Lodge where a man of this disposition is admitted to the rights and privileges of membership, and, therefore, though his moral character may be unimpeachable, and though his means may be even princely, yet is he not one whom, under any circumstances, we should be inclined to vote for. We like to see a man have the courage of his opinions. There is nothing pleases us so much as to find a young brother modestly advancing his own views in support, or it may be, in opposition to some measure that was being discussed, even though his opinion might differ from our own. We can hardly bring ourselves to take a deep interest in one who agrees with everybody, though we would far rather associate with such a person than with one who differed always on every subject with every one of his fellows. Differences of opinion deserve to be respected, for it is out of these differences, in fact, by reason of them, that we look to having a question discussed in all its bearings, and trust to arriving ultimately at a just appreciation of what must be done. Here, then, we have shown various sufficient reasons against the indiscriminate admission of all candidates, even though we began by assuming that all those who offered themselves would come justly under the denomination of "reputable." How can we have charity where there is no harmony? How can a Lodge expect to flourish where there is little or no harmony? These are points to be considered in the case of our Lodges, as in the case of clubs, as indeed they must be considered in the case of all societies whose members meet together for the purpose of friendly intercourse. Reputability alone is not a sufficient reason for the admission of a person into Freemasonry, though the absence of such a qualification is reason enough for his absolute rejection.

And if we lay some stress, as we have done, on the importance of weighing well the idiosyncrasies of mere candidates, how much more important is it we should lay even greater stress on the qualifications of those members who aspire to office. If a mere member may cause an interruption to the harmony of a Lodge, how much more likely is it that an officer, especially in the higher grades, may cause harm, even to the extent of destroying the Lodge itself. If we insist with so much earnestness on the fitness of members, *à fortiori* must we insist with even greater earnestness on the fitness of officers for the posts they aspire to fill. It is no doubt very pleasant, from one point of view, to have a master who is well furnished with the good things of this life, and whose means in fact are very considerable; yet he may be a vulgar man, or an overbearing man. His acts may incline to be arbitrary. He may think more of his own aggrandisement than of the welfare of those he has been called upon to govern. We have unfortunately had, during the last year or two, more than one case in which members in high places have sadly forgotten the respect due to themselves, and when people think lightly of this we may be sure they will evince no particular degree of respect for others. In fine, as the season of action has approached, as there are likely to be more new Lodges and more new members in the course of the next six months, it behoves us to so demean ourselves that we may be able to render each a good account of his stewardship. So that we may say, without *arrière pensée*, we have conscientiously fulfilled our duty towards

Freemasonry. Above all things, let us be careful whom we admit into our Lodges, or we may suffer for this want of proper caution.

## MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 52.)

### VIR VERITAS.

"You know me all, a plain blunt man,  
That love my friend."

IT is one of the great merits of Freemasonry, a merit on which it is impossible to enlarge too often, that it includes admirable representatives of all classes and conditions of men. Kings, and Emperors, and Princes have thought it not unworthy their regal and imperial splendour to enrol themselves in our Fraternity. Right Reverend and Reverend members of different priesthoods have sought initiation into our mysteries. Members of the naval and military services, as well non-commissioned or warrant as commissioned officers, are among our members. Every other profession and every section of that powerful middle class, which is considered the back-bone of our empire, is freely and numerous represented. We have, indeed, both in the former and in the current series of our Masonic Portraits, described representative members of well nigh every class of Freemason, from the Peer Statesman, who acts on all necessary occasions for His Royal Highness the Grand Master, with so much dignity, ability, and geniality, down to his humbler Masonic equal the well-to-do tradesman. It is, indeed, to this universality that Freemasonry is indebted for its chief strength. There is no other society in the world, none other, in fact, has ever existed, in which men of different social rank, of different mental calibre, and differing from each other in respect of worldly means, are wont to meet together on a footing of perfect equality. This equality, be it understood, is not of that sickly sentimental character about which a certain class of theorists is accustomed to rant with such conspicuous folly. We do not profess that absolute equality which demands that all men shall share and share alike. Our creed has in it no leaven of communism. On the contrary, we recognise those social distinctions which have existed, and will exist always, in all organised communities. We are proud of those members who have acquired fame by reason of their superior mental powers or superior training. We delight to place them in positions of honour, in the sure belief that in doing so we are acting justly, as well by ourselves as by them. Ours is not a servile, but a respectful adulation of greatness. Our equality amounts to this. We exact of all our members an equal loyalty to the institutions of the country in which we live or are sojourning, and equal respect for the laws; we pay equal homage to all religious and political professions of faith; we demand of all the same unquestioning obedience to our Chiefs and the ordinances they enact for the general good of Freemasonry; while all our members, according to the good that is in them, are equally eligible for promotion to offices of eminence and influence. This is the well-defined, well-ordered equality which we profess so proudly, an equality which allows both of prince and peasant becoming members of our body, without, in the one case, any loss of rank, or, in the other, any assumption of a position which does not rightly belong to them. We have our liberty, equality, and fraternity; but our liberty is not the license of an absurd visionary; our equality is defined both by reason and common sense, and our fraternity is directed towards the advancement of all, instead of to the promotion of some and the subversion of other interests. Herein, as we have said, consists the merit of our Society, that it includes men of all ranks, who are all equally required to exhibit loyalty towards our country and its rulers, obedience to our own laws, and respect for the Creator and his creatures.

But our present purpose is not to define the intent and meaning of Masonic principles so much as to describe the career of a respected member of our body, who has belonged to it many years, and who, in every position he has occupied, has shown himself to be conscious of the trust reposed in him when he was accepted as worthy of initiation into our mysteries. He belongs to that middle class of which we have spoken in just terms of praise. He has worked on laboriously, and is now in a position to enjoy the

fruits of his labour. In the sphere in which he moves he is justly respected for the many admirable qualities of heart and mind which he possesses. Were there any position created temporarily in any one of the Lodges he belongs to, in which tact and delicacy of conduct were required, there is no one upon whom it would more likely be conferred, or who would fulfil it more worthily and more successfully. Were there an office of trust to fall vacant, there is no one who could more honourably occupy it. Whenever it is suggested that some special duty should be undertaken, demanding ability, earnest application, and the *suaviter in modo* justly combined with the *fortiter in re*, then it is more than probable that, were he eligible, he would be invited to undertake it. He is one of those who lightly regard trouble when it will benefit others. He interprets the commandment to do unto others as we would that others should do unto us, not as so many people unhappily do, by taking advantage of the faults they have committed, or the weaknesses which naturally belong to them, but by helping to rectify their errors and make good their defects. Hence it is that he enjoys alike the respect of all classes of men; of his inferiors as of his superiors. He exercises without difficulty the powers of a superior officer, because, as a simple member and in subordinate offices, he has learned the art of obedience. He is a safe as well as a trusty counsellor, for in the course of his career he has managed to acquire a large and varied experience in the most important offices, both in Lodge and Chapter. He is, in short, a good representative Mason, who has made his mark in our Society. He is gently firm, but with a firmness which cannot be overcome; he exacts, as he is willing to yield, a ready obedience to authority; he respects others, because he commenced life by respecting himself; and in the hours of leisure, when enjoying the pleasures, as he has previously fulfilled the duties of life, there is the same desire to be genial and kind towards his brethren; by reason of which admirable disposition it is impossible for any to be otherwise than genial and kind towards him.

It will be said, perhaps, the picture we have just drawn is of an infinitely good Mason; but as--happily for the Society we belong to--there are many such in its ranks, how shall we distinguish this individual from among his fellows? Well, he was initiated into Freemasonry in the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, on the 7th September 1865, and having filled sundry offices with great credit, he was at length rewarded for the zeal and ability he had shown by being elected to the chair of his Lodge. On resigning the Mastership, in due course, he was rewarded for his further services with a Past Master's jewel, given him by the members of his Lodge in token of the esteem they felt for him, both as a member and Master. He joined the Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, on the 21st October 1869, and is at the present time its W.M. Moreover, he has held the important position of Secretary for a period of six years, to the entire satisfaction of the members. He joined the Gladsmuir, No. 1385, Barnet, not long after its establishment; and is one of the founders, as well as the first Secretary, of the Tredegar Lodge, No. 1625. He is, further, a member of the Cranbourne Lodge, No. 1580, and just now holds the minor, but not unimportant office, from a ceremonial point of view, of Director of Ceremonies. He was exalted in the Yarborough Chapter, No. 554, on 24th June 1868, and has occupied the chair of First Principal. He joined the Doric Chapter, No. 933, on 31st March 1873, and is one of the Sojourners for the current year. On the formation of the Gladsmuir Chapter in 1875, our worthy companion became one of its members, and he is at the present time its M.E.Z. He has, further, received Provincial honours in Capitular Masonry, having had conferred upon him, by the Provincial Grand Superintendent of Herts, the office of Prov. G. Sojourner. He has likewise been advanced to the Mark degree, and is a member of the Temple Mark Lodge, No. 173. We do not believe he has gone further than this in his connection with Masonry, but succinct as the record is, it is a most honourable one, especially if we bear in mind that the several distinctions he has had conferred upon him have been earned in the comparatively brief period of twelve years.

But these are only a part of the details it is our duty to fill in. Our worthy brother is a man who, whenever he undertakes anything, is determined to carry it out thoroughly. It would never occur to him to rest satisfied with fulfilling one part only of a programme, however well

he might have demeaned himself. It is with him the programme, the whole programme, and nothing less than the programme. So we find his efforts directed, not only towards attaining, if possible, such distinctions as a worthy Freemason has the opportunity of winning, but likewise towards carrying out that special task which every well-intentioned brother is ready to enter upon; we mean, of course, the task of assisting our Charitable Institutions, and endeavouring to promote their welfare. In this respect our brother has shown that his acts are in complete harmony with the teachings of Freemasonry. The good seed at his entrance into our society has fallen on good ground and brought forth abundantly. Though a Mason of twelve years' standing only, he has served the office of Steward to one or other of our Festivals no less than half-a-dozen times. Thrice has he fulfilled this duty on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, of which he is also a Vice-President. He has acted twice in the same capacity of Steward for the Boys' School, and once for the Girls' School, while he has further constituted himself a Life Governor of both these Institutions. We are speaking within the mark when we say that, by his admirable efforts on these several occasions he has been the means of putting into the coffers of our three Charities the highly respectable sum of £600; and as he is yet in his prime, and possesses the same enthusiasm for whatever is Masonic, we doubt not but in the course of the next ten or twelve years—and may he live so long, and even longer to realise our prediction!—we repeat, we doubt not but he will exert himself as successfully in the same excellent cause. One thing is certain, he needs no pressing to induce him to undertake a labour of this kind, and his love of "thoroughness" is almost certain to carry him through successfully.

We have now almost completed our portrait. True, there is one evidence we have omitted, of the esteem in which he is held among his brethren. It is within the recollection of our readers that some short time since the Baroness Burdett Coutts presented three chairs to the Lodge which bears her name, and that the presentation was made in the Lodge room. On this occasion, and in the arrangements preceding it, our esteemed brother took a very conspicuous part, and in order to recognise the exceeding merit of the services he then rendered, the members of the Burdett Coutts Lodge presented him with a very handsome Secretary's jewel. Next in order to the consciousness of having rendered a service, comes the gratification of feeling that such service is appreciated. Our brother, as we have said, needs no inducement to do his duty, but he is manly enough to feel deeply grateful when his fellows exhibit some token of their thankfulness for the manner in which he did it. However, not to dwell longer on this pleasing incident in a uniformly successful career, those who are best acquainted with our hero are aware of the many admirable qualities which distinguish him, qualities which, in our humble fashion, we have made some attempt to portray. They know how passionately fond he is of Masonry, how diligent in all his Masonic duties, how determined to have everything done well and completely, and how, in the hours of relaxation from labour, he loves to enjoy himself sensibly, and contribute to the enjoyment of others. They, and we, all know this; and, accordingly, in presenting this picture to our friends, we feel that however imperfectly we may have discharged our function, how inartistic soever may have been our treatment, the likeness of this sterling fellow cannot be mistaken. We are pleased to have had this opportunity of expressing our own sense of his merits, and we trust he has still many years before him to continue the work he has begun so fortunately, and continued till now so satisfactorily.

The All Saints Lodge, No. 1716, was consecrated on Friday, 21st September, at the Town Hall, Poplar, by V.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bros. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, and James Terry, P.G.D.C. Herts, &c. Bro. William Henry Farnfield was installed first W.M., and he appointed Bros. John Dennis and White S.W. and J.W. respectively. Bro. Fenner P.M. No. 162, is the Treasurer, while Bro. Bracebridge was appointed Secretary. There was a large attendance of brethren.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction.—It has been determined to remove the Lodge to Bro. McCarthy's, the Greyhound Tavern, Milton-street, Cripplegate, where the members are invited to assemble on Wednesday the 10th proximo, at 7 p.m.

## CRITICISM CRITICISED.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

THE writer in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE tries hard, in the issues for 4th and 11th August, to confute my conclusions about American Masonic mothership (see the issue for 28th July), and to prove the Philadelphia notions of *her* mothership. But, after wading through his two papers, I found that my friend had neither proved nor disproved anything; all that he did was to find fault with my arrangement, style, &c.; and where I said *not proven*, he tried to make out a *may be*. I, however, think that *may be* and *not proven* "is much of a muchness."

My Brother's first terrific onslaught is rather amusing. I stated that an article by Franklin, in his paper of December 1730 says, that there were then several Masonic Lodges in the province, and that this newspaper statement was received as evidence that there were several Lodges there in 1730. To which I replied:—

"The article I referred to was a burlesque, &c., on Masonry. Franklin, therefore, could not have been a Mason in 1730, and he could not have known whether they were Masonic Lodges, or secret societies of some other kind."

"This, unfortunately for Bro. Norton (replied my critic) is one of the most lamentable *non sequiturs* it has been our misfortune to read. Where, Bro. Norton, is your logic when you affirm, without the possibility of proof, that because Franklin published in 1730 a burlesque on Masonry, therefore he could not have been in 1730 what we have, on his own evidence, he was in the month of June 1732?"

Franklin belonged to the Masons in 1732, but he was not a Mason in 1730, and now, my erring Brother, listen to reason. Bro. C. E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, first described to me the nature of the 1730 Franklin's article, when he added "Franklin could not then have been a Mason." Bro. MacCalla afterwards sent me the said article; I left in the Boston Temple for three weeks; it was copied there, and read by several of our prominent Masons, and all endorsed Bro. Meyer's opinion. And now, notwithstanding the sharp rebuke of my critic, I am not ashamed to re-affirm my opinion that Franklin was not a Mason in 1730. But more of this anon.

Franklin advertised himself as a G.J.W. in 1732, and he styled himself G.M. in 1734, and my opponent imagines that the character of Franklin is sufficient to establish his allegations as facts.

Upon that point I beg to differ. I know as much of Franklin's life and writings as my opponent. I respect and venerate Franklin for the good he has done for humanity. But, like other men, Franklin was not always immaculate. Shakspeare said, "One man in his time plays many parts." Franklin also played many parts, and we should discriminate between young Franklin and Franklin the sage. Franklin himself admits some of his indiscretions when he was young, and the trick he played to Keimer, his first Philadelphia employer, when he was twenty-two years of age, of first burlesquing and ridiculing Keimer's effort to start a newspaper, and when by these means he had succeeded in ruining Keimer, and the latter had to sell out to Franklin the rights and machinery for a mere trifle, Franklin chuckled over the success of his trick. I suppose that this is called one of "the tricks of trade," but it was a trick, and Franklin certainly acted against the golden rule, "Do as you would be done by." This fact shows that Franklin went in for success, and that he was not over scrupulous as to the means to be used to gain his point. When Franklin was twenty-four years of age, or, in other words, in 1730, for the sake of selling a few more copies of his paper, he either invented, or got some other one to invent, a *Masonic exposé*. Now if Franklin had then been a Mason he would not have published a true *exposé*, and if he had then been a Mason, he would not have palmed off on the community a false *exposé* in order to bring the brotherhood into contempt. So, in either case, Franklin could not have been a Mason in 1730, and hence he could not have known Masonic Lodges from other secret societies.

I am, however, strongly inclined to believe that the "several Lodges" was a pure invention of Franklin. First; In 1730 Boston was twice as old as Philadelphia. In 1639 it had already founded the Harvard University; and the Boston City Hall has records of 1650. In 1733 Masonry was introduced into Boston by Price. Whether he was really appointed G.M. by the Viscount Montague is immaterial. Suffice it to say that his statement was believed by the ten Masons he found in Boston; that Andrew Belcher, the son of the Governor, acted as D.G.M.; that in 1736, and on several other occasions, Governor Belcher himself dined with the Masons, and walked or rode on St. John's days in the Masonic processions, and yet Boston maintained but one Lodge up to 1750. Now Philadelphia was not settled before 1681, and they want me to believe that in 1730 it already had several Masonic Lodges.

And Second; Henry Bell's letter claims that Bell was the originator of the first Philadelphia Lodge, in the autumn of 1730, and that it was then a mere self-constituted affair, and Franklin says that on 3rd December 1730 there were several Lodges there. Now both statements may be false, but both cannot be true, and which of the Philadelphia witnesses am I to believe?

Having shown that young Franklin was not over scrupulous as to means he used in carrying a point, I have a right, therefore, to ask for evidence with regard to Franklin's claim of being a G.M., &c. Franklin did not pretend that his G.L. was authorised by Cox, or as to whether Cox had ever examined the Philadelphians as to their claimed Masonry. Price also knew nothing about a connection between Cox and Philadelphia, and I really can see no reason whatever that because Cox, who doubtless was initiated in England, and who, therefore, could not have known when he left America whether those who may have claimed to be Masons were really so (for the phrase "in behalf of himself and others," is a mere technical term, and is therefore no evidence that the American Masons, if he knew any, desired him to petition for a Prov. G.L.), and because Franklin's

paper in 1732 called their *turn out* a Masonic G.L., that therefore Cox must have authorised Philadelphian Masonry while there is not even a shadow of tradition that Cox, after his return, had ever troubled himself with Masoury even in his own home in New Jersey.

On the other hand, we know that both Lodges existed in England, as well as in other places, both before and after 1730, and that in many cases they styled themselves Grand Lodges, &c. More or less of the brethren who were made Masons, both before 1717 as well as after 1717, in legal, as well as illegal Lodges, doubtless came over to America. Governor Belcher, for instance, claimed to have been made a Mason in London in 1704. In 1730 six signatures were attached to a petition sent to Price from Plymouth, New Hampshire, for a charter; the proof they gave of being Masons was, "We have our Constitutions, both in print and MS., as good and ancient as any that England can afford." The said Lodge, however, was not chartered until 1738, when G.M. Tomlinson himself inaugurated the Lodge. In 1750 Halifax, N.S., opened a Lodge, and they did not apply for a charter to Dermott before 1757. In 1752, six clandestines opened a Lodge in Boston, and made Masons: it was not chartered by the G.L. of Scotland before 1756. Franklin himself mentions the formation of such a Lodge in Philadelphia in 1734. I am informed that a communication by a clergyman appeared some years ago, in C. W. Moore's Magazine, that he had seen in the archives of a Boston church a document purporting that a chartered Lodge existed in Boston in 1720, but, notwithstanding the statement of a clergyman, Bro. MacCalla disbelieves it, and *he is right*. There may have been a Lodge in Boston in 1720, but I must see the document ere I can believe that it was a chartered Lodge. Another clergyman wrote a history of Rhode Island, in which he stated that certain Jewish Rabbis opened a Lodge in Newport, R.I., in 1660, or thereabouts, and conferred the third degree there in the synagogue. Now, that bubble was pricked by Grand Master Gardner, and I have, therefore, a right to ask whether that Lodge of 1732 in Philadelphia was not also a spurious Lodge?

Franklin called it a G.L., and what of it? Anderson styled all the kings and prophets in creation "Grand Masters." Preston called (in addition to the above) all the pre-1725 Masters of the York Lodge "Grand Masters." St. Mary's Chapel Lodge, at Edinburgh, also called itself G.L. The first English edition of Bro. Findel's history styles Daniel O'Connell G.M. Dr. Belknap, in 1795, referred to Prince Hall as the "G.M. of the African Lodge," and our Boston coloured brethren also laboured under the notion that Prince Hall was a Prov. G.M. Bro. Fort transmogrified the *task master* appointed by a French King to look after the public buildings into a Masonic Grand Master, and, last, Price not only claimed to be G.M. in 1733, but he also claimed to be Grand Master in 1768, by virtue of his claimed appointment in 1734 as G.M. of all America. The truth is, Franklin was pleased to magnify, in 1732, a self-constituted Lodge into a Grand Lodge, which his successors in 1735, and so forth, never pretended to claim, for, if they had, Bro. MacCalla would have given evidence of their claimed titles.

The Cox Philadelphia theory forcibly reminds me of an American lawsuit. Thus:—John Smith died intestate, and two men claimed John as their father. The younger, whom I shall call A, produced his mother's marriage certificate, to John Smith, properly attested by authorised officials. The elder, or B, not only produced no similar certificate, or even a certificate of marriage to any other of the Smith family, but he even did not know whether his mother had ever seen the deceased John Smith. It furthermore seems that the mother of B used to correspond with a certain Harry Smith; some love letters even passed between them, and Harry, at one time, claimed that he had married her. B, however, found out that Harry was a braggard, and as no other evidence existed of his mother's marriage with Harry, he discarded Harry and fastened himself upon John. B reasoned thus, "My mother was respectable (though she was a flirt in her younger days), she called me Smith, my father's name must also have been Smith. Now, John's surname is Smith; therefore," said he, "John Smith is my father." Upon this chain of circumstantial evidence he claimed that his mother was married to John Smith, and that the marriage with the mother of A was illegal.

The lawyer of B was what we call in America *smart*, and was accustomed to bamboozle juries, as lawyers are very apt to do when their cause is weak. He began with belittling his antagonist; he found all manner of fault with his opponent's method of pleading. "Where," said he, "is your logic gone to, that because we cannot produce a marriage certificate that therefore John Smith never married my client's mother." He also spiced and peppered his speech with terrific exclamations, such as, unfortunately! lamentably! misfortune! *non sequitur*, &c.; he assured the Court that the more he pondered over the matter the more favour it found in his eyes, and that he had made out a very strong case of circumstantial evidence, and the tenour of the whole was eminently respectable. True, he said, some links in the chain may be wanting, "but we must not be too exacting in the matter of positive and direct evidence." And he wound up his speech with a pathetic appeal to the Court to award the estate to B, because he *may be* the legitimate son and rightful heir of John Smith deceased. The Court, however, thought otherwise, and awarded the estate to A.

My critic is pleased to call my disbelief in Cox's fatherhood of Philadelphian Masonry a "new theory," while, in reality, the Cox theory originated only a little over three years ago. The truth is, ever since 1792, when the Massachusetts Constitution and History was printed by Bro. Harris, Philadelphia had full faith in the fatherhood of Henry Price, and she never as much as dreamed about any claim on Cox, though Cox's appointment may be found mentioned in Anderson's 1738 Constitution. But when I convinced Philadelphia that Price never gave her a charter, then, and not till then, she began to set up her claim on Cox's fatherhood. Now, it seems to me, that she made a great mistake in changing her father. If she is bound to have a Masonic father at all, she ought to have stuck to Henry Price. In behalf of Price's fatherhood she could claim a tradition from time immemorial; she could appeal to the record of the

Most Ancient and Honourable G.L. of Massachusetts, to the universally received opinion, as such, to printed histories, and to a thousand and one St. John's Day orations made by our luminaries in all parts of the United States; while her claimed fatherhood of Cox is unsupported by any record, or even by a shadow of tradition.

The case of Orion Lodge, in Bombay, which my critic cited in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE for 11th August, simply justifies me in declaring the illegality of the Philadelphia Lodges up to 1764. Thus, in Bombay, the Lodge paid the P.G.M. for a warrant, the P.G.M. acknowledged the receipt of the money, and claimed that he had transmitted the money to the G.L. of England, but the G.L. had not received it. The result was, notwithstanding that the Lodge had been inaugurated by the P.G.M., and notwithstanding that the Lodge had paid its annual dues to the Provincial G.L. for a number of years, yet the G.L. of England declared the Lodge illegal, and compelled the brethren to pay for a new charter, &c. Now, if the Bombay Lodge was illegal, though it paid for its warrant, and the D.G.M. acknowledged the receipt of the money, &c., by what method of reasoning can my opponent claim legality for the Philadelphia Lodge or Lodges of 1732 who never claimed to have paid for their warrants to Cox, and Cox never acknowledged that he had received any money from any Philadelphia Lodges, and the then G.L. of England had evidently never heard about Philadelphia Lodges?

I shall not attempt to follow my Brother's minor details and side issues, for the whole question lies in a nutshell, viz., I proved that the Boston 1733 Lodge was acknowledged in Pine's 1734 list as No. 126, and, in subsequent lists, the said Lodge is placed among the Lodges constituted in 1733. Now, all that Philadelphia has to do is to prove that her Lodge or Lodges of 1730, 1731, and 1732 were registered in England in 1733, or sooner or later, just as she pleases; and if she cannot prove it, she must stop calling herself the mother of American Masonry.

In conclusion, I disclaim my opponent's insinuation that I had set myself up a Counsel for Boston. The truth is, I was so disgusted with Massachusetts Masonry, that I have not been inside one of her Lodges for over twenty-five years, and will probably never go into one again. True, I have always had friends in the said G.L., and I have made friends who were at one time strongly prejudiced against me. These have enabled me to make the necessary researches with regard to the early history of Freemasonry here; the oldest Masonic MSS. were in my house for several weeks; the Provincial G.L. record, which, since 1834, was seen only by three Masons, was submitted to my inspection, and I was allowed to copy it as much as I pleased without any restriction as to publishing it. On the contrary, Bro. Gardner plainly told me, "make the facts known, if they even pull down our pride," or words to that effect, and in no case have I spared the pride of the G.L. of Massachusetts. No one will accuse me of that, and if I was satisfied with the Cox theory, I would most gladly have supported it. But I cannot bear to see even the bigoted and un-Masonic G.L. of Massachusetts wronged by such flimsy pretences without entering my solemn protest against it; that is the whole truth. If, therefore, Bro. Hughan, as it is alleged, is able to prove the legality of the Philadelphia 1732 Lodge, I would give him a thousand thanks for it; but the proof must be clear, explicit, and irrefutable, and he must not argue after the style of Philadelphian advocates, he must not be satisfied with evidence when the most important links are wanting. Why, with such method of reasoning, I could prove that King Solomon wore a white apron trimmed with blue ribbon; that St. John was elected G.M. when upwards of ninety; that De Molay wore a cocked hat and feather, and an apron decorated with a skull and cross-bones; that the Henry VI. document, the Cologne, the Malcom, and the Frederic the Great charters were all genuine; and, in short, with that method of reasoning, I could prove that the moon was made of green cheese. No, no! Masons have been humbugged too long, and too often with all manner of false histories, and it will not be my fault for not making every effort to shame them out of it.

## REVIEWS.

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Having described the railway and telegraphic communication of South Australia, Mr. Marcus devotes his next chapter to the different exploring expeditions which have at divers times crossed or attempted to cross the Australian continent. Considerations of space forbid him entering at any length into particulars, but his account is sufficient to give a good general idea of the difficulties encountered, and the advantages that have resulted or are likely to result. The first of any importance was that of Mr. Eyre, afterwards Governor of Jamaica, who contributed in money and horses over half what was necessary. Eyre and his party set out from Adelaide on 18th June 1840. The original plan was departed from, and Eyre, with his overseer, Baxter, and three blacks, determined to push his way across to King George's Sound in Western Australia. In spite of privations, and the murder of his overseer by two of the blacks, Eyre pushed on, accompanied by his remaining native, Wylie, and at

length reached Albany in King George's Sound, "where they had been expected, but long given up for lost." A quotation from Mr. Eyre's own journal describing his feelings at the supreme moment of success is worth reproducing. "For a moment as I stood gazing at the town below me, that goal I had so long looked forward to, had so laboriously toiled to attain, was at last before me, a thousand confused images and reflections crowded through my mind, and the events of the past year were recalled in rapid succession. The contrast between the circumstances under which I had commenced and terminated my labours stood in strong relief before me. The gay and gallant cavalcade that accompanied me on my way at starting, the small but enterprising band that I then commanded, the goodly array of horses and drays, with all their well-ordered appointments and equipments, were conjured up in all their circumstances of pride and pleasure; and I could not restrain a tear as I called to mind the embarrassing difficulties and sad disasters that had broken up my party, and left myself and Wylie the two sole wanderers remaining at the close of an undertaking entered upon under such hopeful auspices." But the result of this exploration was worthless from a pastoral point of view, though the dogged courage which impelled Eyre to persevere in the face of such difficulties must always be remembered. Thirty years later the same country was traversed, but from the opposite direction, by Mr. John Forrest, who with a small party crossed it without much inconvenience, and in doing so, repeatedly encamped on Eyre's old camping ground, which seemed to have remained exactly as the latter had left it.

The next exploration of any moment was undertaken in 1844 by Captain Sturt, whose object was to find out what the central part of the Australian continent was like, the idea being that it contained an inland sea. Captain Sturt was accompanied by Mr. J. H. Browne, now a wealthy squatter, Mr. J. McDouall Stuart as draughtsman, and some others. The party endured the severest trials. A Mr. Poole succumbed to privation and disease, and was buried in the distant bush, but it was only when Captain Sturt had lost the use of his limbs that the party reluctantly turned back, and reached Adelaide after an absence of eighteen months. Several expeditions were undertaken between 1857 and 1859 with small result, but in the year latter, Mr. Stuart, the companion of Captain Sturt, commenced that series of journeys which at length terminated so successfully. In the first instance, as Mr. Marcus records, Stuart went out as the agent of two gentlemen interested in pastoral pursuits. On the strength of the information thus obtained, the government resolved on fitting out an expedition, and gave the command of it to Stuart. This proved a failure, and so also did a second expedition. A third time, however, did Stuart place his services at the disposal of the authorities, and for the third time they were accepted. The party was numerous and well fitted out. Pushing on from the terminus of Stuart's former journey, they at length, on 10th July 1862, struck the Adelaide River, and knew that the hour of their triumph was at hand. The following extract from Stuart's journal is re-quoted: "July 24. Started twenty minutes to eight, course north. I have taken this course in order to make the sea coast as soon as possible, which I suppose to be distant about eight and a half miles; by this I hope to avoid the marsh. I shall travel along the beach to the north of the Adelaide. I did not inform any of the party except Thring and Auld that I was so near the sea, as I wished to give them a surprise on reaching it. . . . At eight and a half miles came up in a broad valley of black alluvial soil, covered with long grass; from this I can hear the wash of the sea. . . . Stopped the horses to clear the way whilst I advanced a few yards on to the beach, and was delighted and gratified to behold the water of the Indian Ocean in Van Diemen's Gulf before the party with the horses knew anything of its proximity. Thring, who rode in advance of me, called out, 'The Sea!' which so took them all by surprise that he had to repeat the call before they understood what was meant; hearing which they immediately gave three long and hearty cheers. . . . Thus have I, through the instrumentality of Divine Providence, been led to accomplish the great object of the expedition, and to take the whole party through as witnesses to the fact, and through one of the finest countries man would wish to pass—good to the coast, and with a stream of running water close to the sea."

The importance of this journey cannot be over-estimated. The whole continent had been traversed from South to North. It showed that it was practicable not only to cross it, but also to find water at easy distances; and it led to the erection of the trans-Australian Telegraph line, by which all our Australian Colonies are brought into daily communication with the rest of the world. Mr. Stuart was liberally rewarded by the Colony, and on returning to England to end his days, he received the gold medal of the Royal Geographical Society. But the hardships he had endured had told upon his constitution, and he did not long survive to enjoy the honours and rewards of his labour. The next important expedition was entrusted to Colonel Warburton, its object being to search for cattle country west of the telegraph line. When twelve months had passed without any news of the expedition, one of the party turned up in one of the northernmost stations in Western Australia, and reported that the Colonel and his party was encamped many miles away, with a short supply of camel's flesh. Assistance was at once sent, and just in time to save their lives. The Government of Western Australia showed the greatest kindness to the party, supplying them with all that was needed, and then sending them on to Adelaide, where the Colonel was received with enthusiasm, and on visiting England was likewise rewarded with the gold medal of the Royal Geographical Society, and was made a C.M.G. The last expedition, of which a brief account is given, is that of Mr. John Forrest, a West Australian, who was commissioned by the Government of that colony to find a way to South Australia by the centre of the Continent; or, in fact, near the line which Colonel Warburton had contemplated. Mr. Forrest was accompanied by his brother, two assistants, and two blacks, and after passing successfully through many difficulties and dangers, managed to strike the right line, and followed it to one of the telegraph stations, where they were heartily

welcomed by the master. The news was at once telegraphed to Adelaide, and it was resolved that the party should have a public reception, in order to show West Australians how thoroughly appreciated was the kindness they had shown to the party of Colonel Warburton.

Mr. Marcus next directs his attention to the subject of "Colonial Industries," and, in treating of these, lays great stress on the importance of having cheap and certain lines of communication established in the colony, so that the produce may be easily and quickly conveyed to the coast for exportation, or to the various townships for consumption. Among the industries to which the author refers in particular are the preserving of meat (now become a most important trade), the manufacture of leather, and that of wine, which was, in the first instance unsuccessful, but which is now better conducted, and likely to prosper. We next come to the question of "Immigration," and the author sketches briefly the necessity that now exists for the introduction of more man-power into the colony, the steps which are now being taken by the South Australian Government to that end, and the inducements which the colony is able to hold out to intending immigrants. Wages, it seems, are fifty per cent. higher than they are in England, and thousands may find employment without the slightest fear of reducing the price of labour. Mr. Marcus then introduces an explanation of the Provisions of the Immigration Act from his "Handbook to Immigrants," published a few years since. This explanation contains all that is needful to be known by persons who go out at their own expense; as to "Land Orders granted to Shippers, Companies, Associations, or Societies," as to "Assisted Emigration" and "Ineligible Candidates;" as to cost of passage, "Voyage Outfit," &c.; and he concludes by giving details showing the present flourishing condition of the colony. Chapters XXII. and XXIII. are devoted, the former to questions affecting the different religious communities which have found a home in the country and the position they occupy; and the latter to the state of education, and the means provided for its liberal maintenance and extension. In Chapter XXIV. Mr. Marcus sums up the position and prospects of the colony, which, in his opinion, and speaking after an experience of many years' standing, he believes has a magnificent future before it; all that is needed being that it should be more extensively known.

So far we have had to deal only with the history of the colony and a description of its resources, capabilities, and necessities. This occupies the lesser half of the work. There are still considerably nearer 300 than 200 pages, which are filled, for the most part, with a mass of statistical matter. There is, first of all, a "Supplementary Chapter," containing all needful information as to "The Northern Territory" belonging to the colony, its mining industry, its climate, indigenous vegetation, conchology, &c., much of what is contained in it being derived from papers written by thoroughly competent persons and edited by Mr. Knight. Then there is an "Additional Chapter," which is, in fact, Mr. G. A. Giles's "Paper on Central Australia." Then follow two other chapters, on the flora and fauna of the colony, the former by Dr. R. Schomburgk, director of the Botanical Gardens, and the latter by Mr. F. G. Waterhouse, curator of the Museum. These are followed by an account, from the pen of Mr. J. B. Austin, of "the Mines and Minerals" of the colony. From this we gather many important particulars. The history of mining operations dates from the year 1843, when the Kapunda Mine was discovered on Captain Bagot's sheep run, about fifty miles from Adelaide. In January of the next year about ten tons of rich ore were sent down, and caused considerable excitement. In 1848 the first steam-engine was used for pumping the water from the mine. In December 1849 smelting was commenced, and more recently the production of copper has been successfully carried on. The quantity of ore raised from the opening of the mine to the time when it was made over to an English company averaged 2,000 tons annually, the yield from which was about 19 per cent. of fine copper. The Burra Mine, situated about 100 miles from Adelaide, was discovered in 1845. During the first six years an average of about 13,000 tons per annum was shipped to England. For some years the yield was small, but under the vigorous management of Captain Saunders, efforts are being made to clear out some of the old workings and open out new. The total yield for the first twenty-one years of this mine being opened was 215,132 tons, giving an average of 22 per cent. of fine copper, worth over £4,000,000. The gross profits amounted to £882,436, of which £776,160 was paid to the shareholders in fifty-five dividends, or £315 on each £5 share. On the Wallaroo mines, which, though unproductive at first, have become a wonderfully valuable property, the total quantity of ore raised in the fifteen years they have been opened is 290,669 tons of 21 cwt. each, the average of the first five years being only 8,000 tons a year, and of the five years to 1874, 26,000 tons a year. At the smelting works belonging to the proprietors of these mines, both those at Wallaroo Bay, and those on the Hunter-river, New South Wales, 58,777 tons of copper, had been made up to 1874. This included a portion of the Wallaroo Mines and of 197,391 tons as purchased from the Mounta and other mines. The total number of miners and labourers employed in the Wallaroo Mines is 833, and their weekly wages are at the following rates:—Tributers £2 2s, tutworkmen £2, underground and surface labourers £1 13s, and boys 4s 6d to 18s. As to the Moonta Mines, during the fourteen years they have been open, the total ore raised (21 cwt. to the ton) has been 255,089 tons 1 cwt. Amount realised on ore sold, £2,761,787 18s 1d; working expenses, £1,710,906 9s 6d; expended on buildings, £137,608 3s 9d; Dividends paid to shareholders £928,000. The number of persons employed is 1525, including eighteen officers in the mine, and three in the Adelaide office. These are not the only mineral resources of the Colony, for there are silver, lead, iron, bismuth, and gold mines in various districts, but they will serve to illustrate the value of these resources.

The remaining portion of the volume is occupied with a very elaborate "Statistical Sketch of South Australia," compiled by Mr. Josiah Boothby J.P., Under-Secretary and Government Statist, and a

paper by Mr. Chas. Todd, Postmaster General, on "South Australia; its Observatory and Meteorology." The information contained in these will be found to be of immense value, but any attempt to give an idea of them in the limited space at our command would be futile. We must, therefore refer the reader to the articles themselves for such particulars as he may be anxious to learn.

There is a considerable number of illustrations, from photographs taken by experienced artists, and there should have been, in order to have made the work complete, a carefully-prepared index, though we admit the fulness of the Contents Table to some extent neutralises this defect. However, the work is most exhaustive, and Mr. Marcus is deserving of our thanks for the evident pains he has bestowed upon it. Nor must we withhold our meed of praise from the different gentlemen who have placed their papers and essays at his disposal, or from the Government of the Colony, under whose sanction the volume is published. In conclusion, we urge upon those of our readers who take an interest in the Colonies of our mighty empire to read and mentally digest the contents of Mr. Marcus's work, for seldom have we met with any similar history which has proved to be so complete and exhaustive in all its details.

*Familiar English Quotations.* London: Whittaker and Co., Ave Maria Lane.

A LITTLE companion of this kind is of use to all classes of people, but especially to the journalist, who, having frequently but little time allowed him for the revision and correction of his MSS., is occasionally guilty of misquotation. But the editor has done something more than compile a list of the most familiar passages which writers and speakers are in the habit of introducing, with greater or less propriety, into their writings or speeches. In cases of doubt or error as to the proper reading of a passage he gives the different or correct version. Wherever, likewise, there has been a difficulty in tracing the authorship of any of these familiar passages, he furnishes a careful note embodying all the best and latest information thereon. The little volume, therefore, contains something more than a list, alphabetically arranged, of *Familiar English Quotations*. The list is furnished, where necessary, with annotations, and these annotations, throw a considerable amount of light on the meaning, application, and authorship of sundry familiar passages as to which doubts have existed or exist. An index completes the little volume, which, as we have suggested, will be invaluable to speakers and writers who are often in need of some familiar passage to give point or effect to their speeches and writings.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.**—On Thursday, the 27th of September, at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. W. Hallows W.M., Hunt S.W. and Sec., Upward J.W., Pinder P.M. Preceptor, Franklin S.D., Delvalli J.D., F. Hallows I.G.; also P.M.'s Bros. C. Carter, C. B. Carter, Groome, Cleverley. Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and advanced to the second and third degrees. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. F. Hallows acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Delvalli acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Cleverley 1107 was elected a member. Bro. Hunt was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Prosperity Lodge, No. 65.**—This Lodge met for the first time since the vacation on Thursday, the 27th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, under the Presidency of the W.M. Bros. C. Daniel, G. F. Burge S.W., Brown J.W., C. E. Ferry Sec., E.W. Braine S.D., Mathews J.D., Chicken I.G., C. T. Speight Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. L. A. Leins, Carruthers, J. L. Mather, Davey, Arnold, Cornwall, Chivers; and Bros. Sladden, Feltham, Fox, Miller, Hawkins, Henson, T. Roberts, Jewell, C. Rich, Boston, W. Wright, Cownie, English, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Sladden, Lynch, and Mitchell were raised to the third degree, and Mr. J. J. Harwood, who had been previously ballotted for, was initiated. Praise is due to the W.M. and Officers for their working. Bro. A. G. Souttar, late a member of this Lodge, was elected a joining member. Bro. L. A. Leins P.M. solicited votes for the Boys' School, in aid of Alfred Stevens, a son of the late Bro. Stevens, a P.M. of the Lodge. A discussion then took place respecting the revision of the bye-laws. A sum of two guineas was voted to the widow of a deceased Bro. The W.M. next urged the claims of the Indian Famine Fund, to which other Lodges had contributed; his appeal resulting in the sum of five guineas being unanimously voted. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, 61 in number, partook of an excellent banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford. The W.M. in appropriate terms proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Carruthers P.M. then rose: the toast he had to propose was that of the W.M., all he could say in his praise would be superfluous, as the brethren had seen his working that evening; he hoped they would give him a hearty reception on his reappearance in the chair. The W.M. thanked Bro. Carruthers for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the manner they had received the toast. Whenever they required his services, they were at their disposal. The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Visitors." All were pleased to see them. They had hitherto given, and always would give, a hearty welcome. Bro. Pinto Leite W.M. 795 returned thanks for the hospitality accorded to him by the Lodge, and was followed by Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. In proposing the health of Bro. Harwood, the initiate of the evening, the W.M. regretted that he, through illness in his family, had been compelled to leave. However, he would publicly thank him for his contribution of £5 5s to supplement the Lodge grant to the Indian Famine Fund. The brethren had also aided the cause, and the amount they would be able to hand over would

be 15 guineas. The W.M. then said he had pleasure in proposing the toast of the Past Masters. They were a host in themselves this evening. Their presence and support evinced they were worthy to occupy any position the Craft might require. Bro. Carruthers replied, and was followed by Bros. Arnold and Lewis, who thanked the W.M. for his remarks. He, the W.M., had done his duty as well as any P.M. who had occupied the chair; he had also done more—he had established a good feeling amongst the members of the Lodge, and when he leaves the chair, he was sure he would have secured the respect of every brother in the Lodge. The toast of the Officers was next given; the W.M. was proud of them; he knew the Lodge would appreciate their qualities. He hoped to see them eventually occupying the chair. After a response from Bro. Burge, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. Bros. Rudderforth, E. Miller, G. W. Miller, &c., sang some excellent songs during the evening. The Visitors were—Bros. W. C. Hollands W.M. 1321, J. Cook 192, J. Fowler 1154, W. Evans 1382, W. H. G. Rudderforth 12, E. Harfield P.M. 185, Pinto Leite W.M. 795, Blake 795, Dawes 1471, H. M. Levy 188, &c.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.**—At the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 25th September 1877. Present—Bros. Daniel W.M., Wharman S.W., Brown J.W., Harris S.D., Fraser J.D. Forrest I.G., Rudderforth Preceptor, Hollands Sec., Fraser, Cownie, Gloss, West, &c. The Lodge was opened in form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. West answered the questions, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. West was raised. After the Lodge had been lowered, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hollands candidate. The second section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Rudderforth, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cownie 69 and Bro. Gloss 212 were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. L. A. Leins, P.M. 65, having engaged to work the ceremony of installation on Tuesday, 2nd October, it was proposed that Bro. Wharman should occupy the chair on the second Tuesday in October.

**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—The weekly meetings will be resumed on Tuesday evening next, 2nd October, at the Jamaica Coffee House, Change Alley, Cornhill. In future the proceedings will commence at 7 o'clock.

**William Preston Lodge, No. 766.**—This Lodge held its first meeting of the season on Thursday, the 27th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel. Present—Bros. W. E. Newton W.M., S. D. Ewins as S.W., C. Cutmore J.W., W. Worrell P.M. Secretary, Capt. Kain P.M. Treasurer, Kidman S.D., Drake J.D., G. Newman P.M. Steward. Past Masters Pringle, Miller, Braun. Visitors—Bros. H. E. Frances P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, Kenning, &c. This well known banner Lodge proceeded to business at 5 p.m. The W.M. raised Bros. B. T. Lowne and J. H. Brookes, and afterwards initiated Mr. James Turle Lee. A ballot was then taken for W.M., which resulted, as was fully anticipated, in the unanimous election of Bro. S. D. Ewins. Bros. Capt. Kain and Wm. Worrell were elected respectively Treasurer and Secretary. The report of the Audit Committee was presented, and proved satisfactory to the members, there being a large balance in favour of the Lodge. The business being ended, the Lodge was closed, and the usual banquet followed. The ordinary routine toasts were gone through, and the one of the evening, viz.—the W.M. elect, was submitted by the W.M. in appropriate terms. He congratulated the Lodge upon the unanimous election of so esteemed a brother as S. D. Ewins, who would in every sense maintain the prestige of the Lodge, and efficiently perform his duties. We need hardly say the toast was received with applause. Bro. Ewins, in reply, thanked the brethren for having elected him for the ensuing year, and also for their hearty response to the toast; he assured them he would do all in his power to contribute to the harmony of the Lodge, and strive to do honour to their choice. "The Visitors" was replied to by Bros. Frances, Kenning and others. The remaining toasts followed in quick succession, and the brethren separated, not at an early hour, after having enjoyed a pleasant evening, enlivened by the vocal strains of several talented members.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on 25th of September, at the Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., G. Brown S.W., Defriez J.W., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., Christian S.D., Young J.D. Past Master Wallington Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. F. Brown, Pullen, Carr, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pullen acting as candidate. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed Masonic duties. Bro. Defriez worked the second, third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Carr of 1607 was elected member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Brown the S.W. was chosen W.M. for ensuing week, and he appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Lorkin, for his able working in the chair.

**Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.**—At the weekly meeting on Wednesday last, the chair was taken by Bro. W. H. Marston, who was supported by Bros. Hallam S.W., J. Rosser J.W., Dodson S.D., T. H. Pate J.D., Abell I.G. Past Master Bro. W. Long Preceptor, and a fair assemblage of members. Visitors—Bros. Rickwood, Köhler, Lipscomb, Barnfather, and Morgan. After the Lodge had been opened, and the preliminary business gone through, Bro. Marston advanced the Lodge to the 2nd degree, and Bro. Köhler presented himself as a candidate for raising. He was examined and entrusted. The Lodge opened in the third, and the ceremony was performed. Bro. Marston, who possesses an excellent voice, and knows how to make proper use of it, was con-

gratulated by the brethren for the way he had conducted the proceedings. The Lodge having been lowered, the 1st and 2nd sections of the first lecture were worked by the Preceptor and Bro. Abell, assisted by the brethren. The whole of the visiting brethren named above were elected members. Bro. Hallam will preside at the next meeting.

**Doric Chapter of Instruction, No. 933.**—The meetings of this Chapter of Instruction commenced on Monday, 17th September, at Comp. Yetton's, the "Rising Sun," Globe-road, Mile End, under the able preceptorship of Bro. T. J. Barnes P.Z. 554 and 933. There were present on that evening Comps. Yetton P.Z. 933, Verry P.Z. 554, Cundick H. 933, W. H. Myers H. 820, Musto J. 933, Hollington N. 933; also Comps. Bowron, Defriez, Land, Mole, &c. The meetings will be continued every Monday evening during the winter, at 8 o'clock. Any Companion wishing to work up in Royal Arch Masonry cannot do better than attend this Chapter of Instruction. An inspection of the miniature furniture, &c., will well repay a visit.

**Upton Lodge, No. 1227.**—The brethren of this prosperous Lodge assembled on the 20th inst., at the Spotted Dog, Upton. This being the last meeting of the season prior to the adjournment to April next, there was an excellent gathering. Bro. George Brown, the W.M., filled the chair, with great ability, and was most efficiently supported by his officers—Bros. W. Lyons S.W., Webster J.W., Oldroyd S.D., Andrews J.D., Wybrow I.G., and Lane W.S. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Maw, Leeds 1042, George Hine 1637, W. G. Kent 1297, and A. Giles 1420. The little business transacted was quickly got through, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent and substantial repast was served, to which ample justice was done. The customary loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given in appropriate terms, and heartily responded to. During the proceedings, a most pleasing incident occurred, the Treasurer presenting to Bro. Posener, the I.P.M., in the name of the Lodge, a handsome silver teapot, bearing a suitable inscription, at the same time explaining that it had been voluntarily subscribed for amongst the members of the Lodge as a slight token of respect, to mark the sense of the Lodge and testify to the very able manner in which Bro. Posener had discharged his duties during his term of office.

**The London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction.**—Met (after the summer adjournment) at the Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., on Monday last, at 6 o'clock p.m. Present—Bros. Nelson Reed W.M., J. A. Reid S.W., H. Woods J.W., C. E. Smith S.D., W. L. Bauman J.D., W. Beard I.G., S. E. Scott 1563 acting Preceptor, J. E. Shand Secretary; and Bros. Edell 108, Walters S.W. 538, Swaagman 1563, Ward, and others. Lodge opened in usual manner, and ceremony of initiation was rehearsed; the questions leading to 2nd degree were answered, and the Lodge advanced and passed a brother. Lodge opened in 3rd degree, after usual questions had been answered, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge closed to 1st degree, and Bro. S.W. Woods was elected W.M. for next meeting, 8th October, at 6 o'clock. Three members of the Club were elected members, after which Lodge closed in due form and adjourned.

**Clapton Lodge, No. 1365.**—The seventh installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the White Hart Tavern, Clapton, on Thursday the 20th inst. The Lodge was opened shortly after 4 o'clock by Bro. G. Soper W.M., J. S. Badkin S.W., J. L. Cogan J.W., W. Stephens P.M. Tr., W. Lutwyche P.M. Sec., A. McMillan S.D., W. Finch I.D., S. D. Spurgin I.G., High D.C., T. H. Eyre W.S., J. McDavitt Org., and W. Verry Tyler. Also Bros. J. Paul, A. W. Westcott, J. H. Ball, T. Harwood, E. C. Bishop, J. Godfrey, G. Ancomb, G. R. Rickard, J. Ginn, J. J. Norton, C. O. Thurston, F. J. Henderson and J. Waterfield. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The auditors report was unanimously accepted. The ballot was taken for T. D. Birch as a member, and proved unanimous in his favour. Bros. Henderson and Waterfield were then raised to the degree of M.M. The Wardens then vacated their chairs in favour of Bros. Stephens and Cusworth, and Bro. Lutwyche presented Bro. J. S. Badkin to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. Bro. Soper then commenced the ceremony, and after obligation, a board of installed masters was formed, and Bro. Badkin installed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient rite. On the re-admission of the brethren the W.M. appointed his officers as follow: Bros. J. L. Cogan S.W., McMillan J.W., Finch S.D., Spurgin J.D., High I.G., Eyre D.C., Bishop W.S., McDavitt Org.; he also invested Bro. Soper Treasurer, Lutwyche Secretary, Verry Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens and brethren were then rendered in an admirable manner by Bro. Soper. A notice of motion by Bro. Stephens, to raise the joining fee from £4s to £7 7s, was unanimously agreed to. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was well served by the host, Bro. T. Harwood. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts the W.M., in proposing the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Soper, alluded to his strenuous exertions during the past year to place the Lodge on a sound financial basis; there he was happy to say had been crowned with success. At the same time he presented him with a most elegant P.M.'s jewel, which he sincerely hoped he might be long spared to wear. The toast of the visitors was responded to by Bros. J. Pinder P.M. 15, Hobbs W.M. 749, Cresworth W.M. 813, Groome W.M. 861, and Felton W.M. 1316. The Secretary, in a humorous speech, acknowledged the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, and Bro. Cogan S.W. replied for the rest of the Officers. The Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening's proceedings to a close. Some excellent songs were given during the evening by Bros. McMillan, Hobbs, Herold, Felton, &c., and a recitation by Bro. Cusworth met with great applause. Visitors present:—Bros. B. J. Keas 813, W. Grist 1486, E. Blunt 1489, H. J. Peart 22, J. Pinder P.M. 15, W. Fieldwick G.D. 1364, P. Bishop 890, W. Groom W.M. 861, W. G.

Hallows J.D. 861, T. Franklin S.D. 1662, H. T. Back 55, F. Fradd 101, T. J. Cusworth W.M. 813, J. Coubro 1150, F. Green 861, T. W. Hobbs W.M. 749, H. J. Felton 1056, G. W. M. Felton 1316, and Frank Herold 1056.

**The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 27th inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C. Present—Bros. Stanway W.M., Spiegel S.W., Freeman J.W., Blackie Secretary, Colmer Treasurer, Saul I.G. P.M.'s Bros. Poore, Foulger, &c.; also Bros. Cadiot, Parker, Hunter, Harper, McMurray, Bisset, Nissen, Leibessaut, Wyler, A. E. Gladwell, Berrie W.M. 1293, Lewis, Hamer, Becton, Goodman, R. E. Gladwell, and others. Business—Rehearsal of the ceremony of installation. The Lodge was opened in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees, and resumed to the 2nd. Bro. Secx P.M. unavoidably being absent, Bro. Stanway vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Berrie W.M. 1293, who then addressed the Lodge. Bro. Foulger P.M., the W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. Poore P.M. The ancient charges having been read by the Secretary, Bro. Foulger took the obligation, and was duly installed into the chair of K.S. Upon the re-admission of the brethren, Bro. Foulger was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees and appointed his officers as follow:—Bros. Saul S.W., Freeman J.W., Colmer Treasurer, Blackie Secretary, Hamer S.D., C. Taylor J.D., Cadiot I.G. Bro. Berrie then addressed the W.M., Wardens and brethren, and the whole ceremony was performed by him in a most effective manner. The ceremony of initiation was afterwards rehearsed, Bro. Nissen being the candidate. Votes of thanks were recorded on the minutes to Bro. Berrie and Bro. Foulger P.M., for the efficient way in which they had performed their respective duties. Bro. Nissen was unanimously elected a member, and Bro. Berry W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524.**—The regular meeting of this young and flourishing Lodge was held at the Havelock Hotel, Dalston, on Thursday, 27th inst., and was attended by a large muster of brethren, both members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. J. B. Shackleton, opened the Lodge in good time, and after the preliminary business, raised three brethren, passed two, and afterwards initiated four. The work was done in capital style, and gave great satisfaction to the visitors, among whom we noticed Bros. C. F. Matier P.G.W. Greece, Bear W.M. Guelph Lodge, Birds Eye of Connecticut, U.S., F. Binckes Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and many others. Five propositions for initiation were handed in, making, with two gentlemen already balloted for, seven candidates for next meeting. After labour of three hours and a-half, refreshment was much needed, and the brethren thoroughly enjoyed the repast, served up in the usual manner of mine host, Bro. Ferrar. The usual statutory Loyal and Masonic toasts followed, and were heartily responded to. Bro. Matier returned thanks for the Visitors, and Bro. Binckes made a forcible appeal for further aid to all the Charities, which met with a quick response, Bro. Ernest Dietrich offering himself as Steward for the Boys in 1878. The Tyler's toast at an early hour brought this most enjoyable meeting to a close.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**—This Lodge held its usual meeting at the Havelock Tavern on Wednesday evening, 20th inst., at 8 p.m. Present:—Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., Brasted S.W., McMillan J.W., Maples S.D., Brown J.D., Woolley I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, E. Dietrich Sec., and Bros. J. B. Shackleton, Lee, Gilchrist, Symes, F. Beensen, Hodgkinson, Moon, Little, Spencer, G. Ferrar, E. George, Polack, Marsh, C. Lorkin, Streeton, &c. The Lodge was opened in ancient form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed by the W.M. in a very able manner, Bro. F. Beensen being the candidate. After the Lodge had been called from labour and had resumed, Bros. Lee and Gilchrist worked the sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. E. P. Hodgkinson was elected a member. Bro. Brasted was appointed W.M. for next meeting.

**West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.**—The first anniversary and installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 20th inst., at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield. Bro. J. Smith P.G.P. W.M., supported by the Wardens, Officers, and a numerous assemblage of brethren and visitors. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed, also those of the audit meeting. Bros. Crombie, Watts, Bartlett, and Whitecomb were raised to the third degree. Bros. Craddock, Roffey, and Pooley were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Messrs. C. O. Pook, W. McCliner Butt, J. Chapman, and C. Goodwin were duly initiated into the Order. A board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. T. W. Adams, W.M. elect, was presented to the Lodge, and installed into the chair. The new Master having been saluted according to ancient form, invested his officers:—G. S. Elliott S.W., J. Howes P.M. J.W., J. Smith P.G.P. P.M. Treasurer, F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. Secretary, Johnson S.D., G. S. Wintle P.M. J.D., A. Black W.M. 186 I.G., W. Pennefather P.M. D.C., W. Malthouse W.S., T. McButt Steward, Gilbert P.G.T. Middlesex Tyler. A petition on behalf of a distressed brother was signed and recommended to the Grand Lodge of Benevolence. Various matters of interest to the members were discussed, and the Lodge was closed until Thursday, 15th November, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet and dessert provided by the worthy host. The W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The healths of the Wardens, Visitors and Officers were given and duly responded to, and the brethren separated, after passing a very agreeable evening. Among the visitors present were—Bros. Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., Captain K. W. Williams P.P.G.O. Middlesex, J. Mason P.G.S.D. Middlesex, H. J. Green P.M. 1538 and P.M. 1275, Louis Beck W.M. Rothersey Lodge, C. W. Fox W.M. 1325, H. Mansey P.M. 619, Thomas P.M. 134, M. Clark 1423, L. Van Boelen 1275, E. Gilbert, &c.

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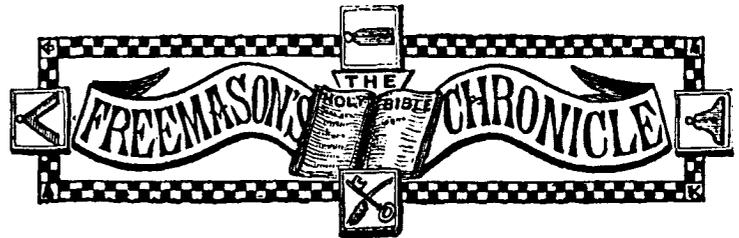
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**OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.****M**R. GLADSTONE, it seems, is not the only person in the United Kingdom whom excursionists delight to honour. It was very recently, during Her Majesty's visit to Loch Maree, that a party of two hundred persons from Stornoway were conveyed by steamer to Gairloch under the auspices of a Rev. Mr. Greenfield of the Free Church, with whom the idea originated, their object being to see the Queen. As fortunately the weather permitted of Her Majesty taking her usual drive, and communications having passed between the Rev. gentleman and General Ponsonby as to time and other matters of moment, the excursionists had the satisfaction of seeing whom they had journeyed some miles to see. The Queen expressed the pleasure she experienced at having been enabled to satisfy their very loyal wishes; and the company having sung the National Anthem, and the Rev. Mr. Greenfield having been introduced to his Sovereign, the Royal carriage drove off on its return home amid the most intense display of enthusiasm. On Thursday last the Princess Louise accompanied by her husband the Marquis of Lorne drove over from Isell Hall, where they were staying on a visit to the Hon. Mr. Wyndham M.P., to Carlisle, for the purpose of opening the Bazaar in aid of the funds of the Cumberland Infirmary. On reaching the ancient city the Mayor and members of the Corporation were in waiting at the station to receive the Royal party, and the Princess having entered the carriage provided, a procession was formed and made for the New Viaduct which the Princess was graciously pleased to declare open. A move was then made towards the Infirmary, where Her Royal Highness was received by the Bishop of the Diocese, the Dean of Carlisle, and other clerical dignitaries, together with the officials of the Infirmary. Having inspected the building, the party made a move to the Victoria Hall, where the Bazaar was to be held. Addresses by the Mayor and Corporation and the Infirmary having been presented and received, Her Royal Highness formally declared the Bazaar open. The Princess was then conducted to an adjoining room, where luncheon was served, and then, having a second time visited the Bazaar, the Royal party returned by special train to Isell Hall. On Saturday another visit was paid to Carlisle, for the purpose of seeing the various objects of interest in the city, and also to present the prizes to the successful students of the Art School. She then inspected the Bazaar towards which she had contributed a statue in terra cotta of Robin Hood, which was purchased by Mr. Howard, of Greystoke Castle, for 200 guineas. The prizes were then distributed, addresses were presented, and the Marquis of Lorne having complimented the Mayor on the success of the arrangements, and thanking him on behalf of the Princess for the reception accorded her, the Princess and her husband returned to Isell Hall. On Monday, she and the Marquis of Lorne became the guests of Lord Muncaster at Muncaster Castle. The Duke of Connaught has been enjoying deer-stalking at Balmoral, and Prince Leopold having concluded his visit to Taymouth Castle, has since been the guest of Sir Coutts and Lady Lindsay at Balcarres.The Prince of Wales's visit to Yorkshire, which terminated on Saturday, was a most enjoyable one. His host, Sir George Wombwell, had prepared a most attractive programme. Among the incidents of the visit was a trip to Duncombe Park, the seat of the Earl of Feversham, where the Prince lunched, and afterwards planted a silver fir as a memento of his visit. He afterwards inspected the ruins of Rivaulx Abbey, and having taken tea, returned, as he had gone, *via* Helmsley. Before leaving Newburgh Hall, his Royal Highness also planted two specimens of the *Wellingtonia Gigantea*. On his return to London, on Saturday, he was accompanied to York by Sir George

Wombwell, and the train left the station for King's Cross amid hearty demonstrations of Yorkshire loyalty. On Tuesday, the Prince and Princess of Wales with their children left Clarence House for Abergeldie, where they were most joyfully received, and where it is proposed they shall remain for some time, to enjoy that rest which, after the illness of Prince Albert Victor, they most sorely need. It is gratifying to learn that the young Prince is now restored to health, and the bracing air of the Highlands will no doubt complete his recovery.

On Wednesday evening, the Indian Famine Relief Fund at the Mansion House reached the magnificent sum of a quarter million sterling. Among the principal donations recently given were second instalments of £1000 each from Hull and Dundee, third instalments of £600 from Halifax, £500 from Aberdeen, £300 from Bath, and £500 from Nottingham, fifth instalment of £1000 from Birmingham, £560 from Kendal, £250 from Keighly (first instalment), Kidderminster, Southport (second donation), ninth instalment of £100 from Southampton, &c., &c., &c. A communication was also received from the Earl of Beaconsfield to the effect that Her Majesty's Government had under consideration the necessity of making a grant towards the relief of the sufferers out of the Imperial Exchequer. The amount already transmitted to Madras is £200,000. We may also mention among the contributors the names of the Princess Alice and her husband, the Grand Duke of Hesse, who have forwarded a cheque for £50.

The preliminary examination, before Sir James Ingham at Bow-street, of the detective officers has at length been brought to a close. All of them, with Mr. Froggatt the solicitor, have been committed for trial; bail being accepted in the case of Inspector Clarke and Mr. Froggatt, but refused in behalf of Meiklejohn, Druscovich, and Palmer. The trial of the four prisoners in what is known as the Penge mystery terminated on Wednesday evening at a very late hour. The jury returned a verdict of guilty against all four, but recommended the two women, Mrs. Patrick Staunton and her sister, Alice Rhodes, to mercy. The scene at the close was of a most painful character, the two women, but especially Alice Rhodes, swooning away. Justice Hawkins presided, and the Attorney General conducted the case on behalf of the Treasury.

A sad calamity has occurred at Washington. On Monday the West and North Upper Halls of the Patent Office were destroyed by fire. How the disaster originated does not appear, but it is estimated that property to the extent of half a million dollars has been consumed by the flames, and among them models of some of the most important inventions extant, together with the records relating to them. All the offices subordinate to the Department of the Secretary of the Interior, with the exception of the Patent Office, were located in the building. These documents fortunately were all saved, but in a lamentable state of confusion, which must necessarily interfere for some time to come with the transaction of business.

We are now so far advanced in the year that with the exception of one or two racing fixtures, there will be little to record. But one great, and if accomplished, an unparalleled feat in pedestrianism is now in progress. We allude to Gale's great walk at Lillie Bridge. Gale hails from a place near Cardiff, in Monmouthshire, and has already accomplished great things in walking, such as excelling the celebrated feat of Captain Barclay of walking 1,000 miles in 1,000 consecutive hours. His object is to outdo this by walking 1,500 miles in 1,000 hours. He commenced on 26th August, and has continued walking well ever since. He did the one-and-a-half miles which completed the thousand miles on Saturday evening in 15 min. 20 sec., which is a shorter time than he has taken in any of the other distances. He feeds heartily and seems very sanguine of success; the only discomfort he experiences being a twitching pain at the back of the knees, but especially the left one. He weighed 8 st. 10 lbs. at starting, and on Wednesday morning scaled exactly 8 st. 2½ lbs. The walk will be completed on Saturday afternoon next, the last mile and a-half being down for 5 p.m. All who desire to see a rare display of endurance and British pluck should visit Lillie Bridge during next week. To walk every hour day and night for six weeks is something more astounding than a 500 mile walk in six days; and those who went and cheered the American Weston at the Agricultural Hall ought to go and cheer Gale, who is a very quiet, unsophisticated Britisher.

There is considerable excitement just now throughout

France over the approaching elections to the Legislative Assembly. It seems to be the general idea that the Anti-*Presidential* party will secure the victory, and people are already beginning to speculate as to what will happen. Both sides have issued manifestoes, and are bracing themselves up for the struggle, but it were unwise to speculate as to what will take place with so variable a people as the French.

The most important news from the seat of war relates to the weather, which it seems has already broken up. This will make the work of campaigning well nigh impossible, while the provision of supplies will tax the ability of the Russian empire to the utmost. Again, seeing how terrible was the task of keeping our small army of 25,000 men from starving in the Crimea, where the distance supplies had to be conveyed was only four miles, we may try and picture to ourselves what it will be to feed 250,000 men, with a strong complement of horses; to say nothing of the conveyance of ammunition and other material of war. The Turks will fare better, for their bases of operations are much nearer; or, for the matter of that, they can fall back on their fortresses. It is, of course, possible, and indeed probable there will be further fighting during this campaign, but we do not imagine that the position of the opposing armies will be seriously altered. Plevna was too hard a nut to crack last week, and now that Osman Pasha has been reinforced, and received a large convoy of ammunition and provisions, his position must be impregnable, even if he be not able to assume the offensive and drive back the Russians. The latter, indeed, are said to have experienced another repulse, with the loss of four guns and seven or eight thousand men, but the rumour had not been confirmed at the time of writing. There has also been an engagement between Mehemet Ali Pasha and the army of the Czarévitch, in which the attack of the former failed for want of support. The battle, however, does not appear to have produced any marked result. The fighting still goes on in the Shipka Pass, where Radetzky holds his own against the determined onsets of Suleiman Pasha. It seems to be a case in which neither is able to do much more than retain the positions he holds. A few days since there was a talk of the Czar leaving the theatre of the war, for which purpose the Empress, it is said, would visit Bucharest, and so give her husband an excuse for joining her, and then they would go and winter in Livadia. It is probable his departure will be a relief to the chiefs of his army, but whether his return home under present circumstances will be gratifying to his people, remains to be seen. Servia has very wisely resolved, for the moment at all events, not to break the solemn treaty of peace made with the Porte in the early spring of the year; but fear of the consequences has more to do with this than any other cause, except it be, perhaps, the influence of Austria. But it matters not to what reason we attribute her present peaceful disposition, it is gratifying to know that the theatre of the war is not yet extended. Greece, too, who many people seemed to think was on the point of attacking Turkey, holds her hand. Germany and Austria appear determined to leave Russia to fight it out, and they hardly seem to sympathise even with the misfortunes of her allies. But this is only the latest illustration of a very common practice among friends and allies, when one is not unthankful to witness the sufferings of others.

The ceremony of installation will be worked on Tuesday, 16th October, in the Jordan Lodge of Instruction, No. 201, held at the Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, Portland-place, commencing at 7 p.m. Bro. J. Long W.M. 733, will be installing Master.

Bro. L. A. Leins, P.M. No. 65, will work the ceremony of Installation at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday next, 2nd October, at 7 p.m., when a goodly muster of Masters and P.M.'s are expected to attend.

MR. AND MRS. GERMAN REED'S ENTERTAINMENT.—On the 1st of October next, the St. George's Hall will be re-opened by Mr. and Mrs. German Reed, whose entertainment in the provinces has met with more than usual success. We are requested, however, to state that an announcement in some of the local papers that Mrs. German Reed does not intend to undertake another provincial tour is erroneous. The season will commence with the last amusing novelty, "A Happy Bangalow." Mr. Corney Grain introduces a new Musical Sketch, and "A Night Surprise" concludes the programme. We hear of novelties in preparation by F. C. Burnand and Gilbert A'Beckett.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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## FACTS, SUGGESTIONS, AND QUESTIONS.

*To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I can satisfy so much of Bro. Norton's inquiry, made towards the end of his paper of 15th inst., as to Master Masons' Lodges and Smith's Pocket Companion for 1736. I have by me at the moment a copy of the latter, kindly lent by Bro. W. Spencer. On turning to the list of Lodges at the end, I find the following:—

"116. Bear and Harrow, Master Masons' Lodge, Butcher-row, second and fourth Fridays. 117. King's Arms, Master Masons' Lodge, in the Strand, third Monday and fifth Sunday. 120. Oates's Coffee House, Masters' Lodge, in Great Wild-street, first and third Sunday."

The above do not essentially differ from the description of the same three, in Pine's List for 1734, as reprinted by Bro. Hughan.

There is one entry in Smith's list, 1736, on which I should esteem it a favour if Bro. Hughan would throw some light. It is the following:—

"115. Scots Masons Lodge, Devil, Temple Bar, second and fourth Monday."

This list is anterior to the constitution of the Scottish G.L., which was established in 1736. Is "Scots Masons Lodge" titular or descriptive? That is, is it the style and title of the Lodge bestowed upon it because, perhaps, the members were chiefly Scotchmen who were working Freemasonry according to the rite of the English Grand Lodge? Or, does it mean a Lodge of Scotch Masons, who, having no Grand Lodge of their own, had the protection of the English Grand Lodge extended to them, and at the same time were permitted to work in accordance with their own rite? Perhaps Bro. Hughan will kindly offer a solution of this mystery, and oblige,

Yours truly and fraternally,

"Q."

## A CORRECTION.

*To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am anxious to correct a little mistake which appears in your last number of the CHRONICLE.

In your report of "Confidence" Lodge of Instruction, I am represented as Secretary of the *Lewis* Lodge 1185; such is not the case, as I am only a M.M. in that Lodge, and at the meeting in question the word Secretary was not at all mentioned. I do not know how the error got into print.

Lower down in your report a second mistake occurs, you say Bro. *Lewis* and Abbot returned thanks, &c. For *Lewis*—please read *Harris*—the report otherwise is perfectly accurate.

I am, dear Sir and Bro., yours fraternally,

KENNETT HARRIS,  
Lewis Lodge 1185.

P.S.—Our much respected Brother and P.M., Arthur Leared, is Secretary of our Lodge.

K.H.

26th September 1877.

## Old Warrants.

No. 95.

No. 68, "Ancients;" No. 91 (at the Union 1814), No. 78 A.D. 1832, and No. 65 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS HARPER, D.G.M.

M. GILLIES, S.G.W.

THOMAS MAHON, 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 Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Constable of the Castle of Kinleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Malcolm Gillies Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Thomas Mahon Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Andrew Brown, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Joseph Bossy his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Edward Haynes his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the house known by the sign of the

White Horse, Hare-street, Bethnal-green (or elsewhere) in No. 68. London, upon the first and third Monday in 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 authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Andrew Brown, Joseph Bossy, and Edward Haynes (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 sixth day of June, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and ten, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Eight hundred and ten.

ROBT. LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered }  
in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 3, }  
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[SEAL.]

The present title, No., &c. are, The Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.

No. 96.

No. 77, "Ancients;" No. 100 A.D. 1814, No. 85 A.D. 1832, and No. 72 from A.D. 1813.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS HARPER, D.G.M.

M. GILLIES, S.G.W.

THOMAS MAHON, J.G.W.

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Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this 15th day of October, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and ten, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Eight hundred and ten.

[SEAL OF THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.] [SEAL OF THE GRAND LODGE.]

ROBERT LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered }  
in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 6, }  
Letter F. Folio 207. }

Particulars of Registration.—

Registered in Vol. C. and E. 1759 to 1762.  
" " D. 1762 to 1767.  
" " 6 Letter F. 1768 to 1770.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, Anderton's Hotel, London.

## 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, 29th SEPTEMBER.

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

## MONDAY, 1st OCTOBER.

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.)  
130—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
138—Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1480—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.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.  
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.  
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.  
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Paversham.  
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.  
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.  
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.  
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.  
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.  
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.  
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.  
482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.  
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.  
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.  
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.  
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.  
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.  
1050—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.  
1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
1054—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.  
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.  
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.  
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)  
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.  
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.  
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.  
M. M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.  
R. A. 262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.

## TUESDAY, 2nd OCTOBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)  
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
860—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1293—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.  
1351—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.  
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.)  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.  
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.  
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.  
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.  
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.  
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.  
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.  
393—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.  
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.  
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.  
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.  
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Strand, Gloucestershire.  
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.  
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.  
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.  
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.  
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.  
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.  
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermonth.  
1241—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.  
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.  
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amble.  
1540—Abercorn, Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore.

## WEDNESDAY, 3rd OCTOBER.

193—Confidence, Greyhound Tavern, Milton-st., Cripplegate, at 7. (Instruct.)  
538—La Tolérance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.15. (Inst.)  
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.)  
1446—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1585—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.  
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.  
293—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.  
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.  
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.  
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.  
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.  
423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.  
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street; Newport, Mon.  
611—The Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow.  
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.  
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.  
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.  
1091—Erne, Erne House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.  
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.  
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.  
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.  
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.  
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

## THURSDAY, 4th OCTOBER.

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.)  
534—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.  
1439—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)  
21—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.  
31—United Industrious, Guildhall, Canterbury.  
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.  
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Huddersfield, Leicestershire.  
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.  
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.  
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.  
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.  
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Farnham.  
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
360—Pomfret, Masonic Building, Abingdon-street, Northampton.  
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.  
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.  
509—Teas, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.  
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)  
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.  
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.  
1074—Underly, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.  
1232—Anchorlome, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.  
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.  
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.  
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster.  
1473—Bootle, Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Bootle, Lancashire.  
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.  
1639—Watling-street, Cook Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.

## FRIDAY, 5th OCTOBER.

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.)  
768—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)  
834—Ramelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)  
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)  
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)  
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1298—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road, N.  
1613—Cripplegate, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.  
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham.  
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.  
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Nowbury.  
601—St. John's, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.  
630—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
709—Invicta, Corn Exchange, Queen-street, Ashford.  
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.  
998—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool.  
1333—Atheletan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.  
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.  
1528—Fork, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.  
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hoxham, Northumberland.  
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.  
1664—Gosforth, Brandling Arms Hotel, Gosforth.

## SATURDAY, 6th OCTOBER.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.  
1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.  
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

## SATURDAY.

1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

## MONDAY.

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

## TUESDAY.

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

## WEDNESDAY.

R. A. 253—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.  
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

## THURSDAY.

259—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.  
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.  
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.  
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.  
R. A. 293—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.  
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.  
R. A. 124—Scarborough, Wiltou Arms Hotel, Batley.

## FRIDAY.

242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.  
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.  
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.  
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.  
1613—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

## SATURDAY.

R. A. 309—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Staunfield.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

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

## GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

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

MONDAY—62—Thistle, White Swan Hotel, Dumfries.  
 „ 110—St. Andrew, Daniel Inn, Aberdeen.  
 „ 124—Kilwinning, Union Tavern, Ayr.  
 „ 133—Operative, Blue Bell Hotel, Ayr.  
 „ 151—St. Anthony, Freemasons' Hall, 3 High-street, Inverurie.  
 „ 161—Old Aberdeen, Town Hall, City of Old Aberdeen.  
 „ 262—St. John, Abbey Hotel, Galashiels.  
 „ 332—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
 „ R. A. 119—Rosslyn, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.  
 Grand Conclave, Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, Edinburgh, at 5 p.m.

TUESDAY—3 bis.—St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
 „ 7—Hamilton, Freemasons' Hall, Hamilton.  
 „ 30—Ancient Stirling, Baker-street, Stirling.  
 „ 49—Ancient, Freemason's Hall, Rankins-court, Dundee.  
 „ 68—Doric Kilwinning, 41 Church-street, Glasgow.  
 „ 73—Thistle and Rose, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
 „ 87—Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, 30 Cathedral-street, Glasgow.  
 „ 177—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Coatbridge.  
 „ 254—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, 8 Bank-street, Dundee.  
 „ 331—St. Peter, Portland Arms, Galston.  
 „ 339—St. Mary, Church-street, Inverness.  
 „ 406—St. John Dalziel, Freemasons' Hall, Motherwell.  
 „ 579—St. Bryde, Freemasons' Hall, Udderstone.

WEDNESDAY—1—Kilwinning, 219 Dumbarton-road, Glasgow.  
 „ 21—Old St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Lanark.  
 „ 50—St. John, George Hotel, Inverary.  
 „ 67—Forbes Roshcarty, Forbes Inn, Fraserburgh.  
 „ 78—St. David, Royal Hotel, Dundee.  
 „ 86—Navigation, Commercial Inn, Troon.  
 „ 117—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Douglas-street, Partick.  
 „ 126—St. Andrew, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.  
 „ 128—St. John, Public Hall, Parkhead, Glasgow.  
 „ 166—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Airdrie, 7 o'clock.  
 „ 198—Royal Arch, Kings Arms, Maybole.  
 „ 202—St. Clement, Commercial Hotel, Kilmarnock.  
 „ 250—Union, Chapel-street Hall, Dunfermline.  
 „ 571—Dramatic, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, at 3 p.m.  
 „ R. A. 87—Shamrock and Thistle, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.

THURSDAY—149—St. Andrew, Masonic Arms, Irvine.  
 „ 157—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Main-street, Beith.  
 „ 180—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Argyle-square, Oban.  
 „ 290—Blair Dalry, White Hart Hotel, Dalry.  
 „ 465—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road, Glasgow.  
 „ 547—Stewart, Freemasons' Hall, Kilsyth.

FRIDAY—116—Royal Arch, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.  
 „ 135—St. James, Crown Inn, Tarbolton.  
 „ 173—St. John, Hunters' Hall, Largs.  
 „ 175—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Cathcart-street, Greenock.  
 „ 217—Cumberland, Old Town Hall, Port Glasgow.  
 „ 242—Houston St. Johnstone, Cross Keys, Johnstone.  
 „ 275—Shamrock and Thistle, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.  
 „ 335—Argyle, Drill Hall, Dunoon.  
 „ 360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.  
 „ 408—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

SATURDAY—458—Busby St. John, Wilson Hall, Busby, at 6.  
 „ 544—St. Andrews, Freemasons' Hall, Bank-street, Coatbridge.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**St. Mungo Encampment of Knights Templar, Glasgow.**—Held their annual meeting in the Star Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, 19th September. Sir Knight Wm. F. Shaw M.E.C. presiding. Sir Knt. John Walker was proposed for affiliation, and unanimously accepted, after which the M.E.C. proceeded to create and instal as Knights of the Temple Comps. W. H. Beckerton, R. Mercer, and James Shira. Comps. James McLeish S.W., J. McDade M. The following Sir Knts. were then elected as the officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Wm. F. Shaw M.E.C., Thomas Clanachan D.C., J. O. Park G., J. Goldie Recorder, James A. Ferguson T., P. Hepburn Prelate, R. Mercer S.W., W. Hardon J.W.

**Glasgow Chapter, No. 50.**—This body held its annual meeting, 24th September, in St. Mark's Hall, when the following Comps. were unanimously elected: Thomas Brownlie Z., Colin McKenzie H., D. Leeds J., R. Morrison S.E., D. Hodge S.N., G. Holmes Treasurer, A. Holms first S., Wm. Ferguson second, Wm. Sibold third, R. Gardner Janitor, D. Paton Supt. of Works, J. B. Bell and James Thornton Auditors. In accordance with previous arrangements the members of Chapter 73, who conducted their election in the other Hall, then entered, and Comp. G. W. Wheeler P.G.S.N. installed them, together with the following Officers of No. 73, namely—David Gilchrist Z., W. Gunn H., Wm. Pitt J., James Balfour P.G.S.E. S.E., Wm. Macgregor S.N., Wm. Harden first S., J. Guire second, A. Nicholson third, W. Lindsey custodian of the first veil, Wm. Jamieson Janitor. The Comps. of the two Chapters then spent a short time at refreshment. Comp. Brownlie acted as Chairman, and Gilchrist of 73 as Croupier. After the Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, Comp. Wheeler, as senior officer present, responded on behalf of the P.G. Chapter. The toast of the respective Chapters was duly honoured, and responded to by the newly installed Z.'s; that of the Past Principals was replied to by Comps. Bell and Wheeler, the latter gave the Sojourners of the two Chapters, replied to by Comps. Holmes, Wm. Ferguson and Wm. Harden. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

**Shamrock and Thistle Chapter, No. 87, Glasgow.**—Held an emergency meeting on Friday, 21st September, to work the Excellent and Royal Arch degrees, when Comp. George Muir Z.

opened an Excellent Lodge, with J. McLeish S.W., J. Cox J.W., and conferred that degree on Bros. John McNeal, John Watson, and Wm. Mitchell. He then proceeded to open the Chapter as Z., Jas. McLeish H., G. W. Wheeler Z. 73 acting as J., R. Mercer 1st S., W. McCulloch 2nd S., J. Cox 3rd, when the same three brethren were duly exalted. On this occasion Comp. McCulloch gave most of the responses of the 1st Sojourner, and Comp. Mercer had no cause to be ashamed of his pupil. Amongst the visitors was Comp. Robertson, of the Trowel Chapter, No. 49, Cedar Rapids, Ohio, U.S.

**Alexandria Chapter, No. 121.**—Held a special meeting on Saturday, 22nd September, at five p.m., in the Public Hall, Comp. Jardine Z. presiding, who opened a Lodge of Mark Masters; Comps. McKenzie S.W., D. Bruce J.W., when four brethren were admitted to that degree. A Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was then opened, when Comp. Wheeler, Z. of 73, advanced to that degree Bro. J. Stewart R.W.M. of No. 321, and three other brethren of that Lodge. Comp. J. Duthie P.Z. of 67 acting as Conductor. A Chapter was then opened, J. Duthie P.Z. 67 as Z., P. Jardine Z. acting as H., J. McLeish J., McKenzie S.E., D. Brae S.N., G. W. Wheeler Z 73 acting as 1st Sojourner, and J. Dunn 2nd Sojourner, when the same four gentlemen were duly exalted to the R.A. degree. The thanks of the Chapter were given to Comps. Duthie and Wheeler for coming from Glasgow to assist in the working. This was suitably acknowledged by those Comps., who expressed their willingness at all times to do all that lay in their power to forward the interests of R.A. Masonry.

**St. Andrew Lodge, No. 465.**—Held its regular meeting on Thursday, 20th inst., in their Hall, Garngad-road, Bro. David Reid R.W.M. in the chair. Bros. J. Clark S.W., James McLeish J.W., J. Rodges Sec., J. Herron Tr., J. Douglas S.D., J. Ramsay J.D., and a good attendance of members and visitors. Amongst the latter were Bros. Robertson of Mount Hermon Lodge, 263, and Cenda Rapids, U.S., who was introduced to the Lodge and welcomed by the R.W.M. Petitions were presented and sustained from Mr. Wm. Morrison and Mr. A. Cleland, who were initiated in a very careful manner by the R.W.M. The Master then gave notice of certain amendments he would propose in the By-laws on that day month. He then raised the Lodge to the 2nd degree, and asked Bro. G. W. Wheeler, of 73, to pass a candidate for him. Bro. Robb then received the Fellow Craft degree at the hands of Bro. Wheeler, who afterwards received the thanks of the Lodge for the way in which he had worked it. In reply, he said he knew their Master was quite as capable of working the degree as himself; still, if it would be any release to him from part of his duties, when there was plenty of work on hand, he was always pleased to be able to render any little assistance. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

**The De Furnival Preceptory of Knights Templar.**—Met at the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, on Friday, 21st September. There was a good muster of Sir Knights. Comp. the Rev. F. A. W. Hamilton Gell was admitted and installed a K.T. Sir Knight S. B. Ellis was elected as Preceptor, and Sir Knight Garnett as Treasurer for ensuing year. The Prov. Prior V.E. Sir Knight John Fisher and his Prov. Officers were received under the arch of steel. The muster roll was called, and well responded to. The minutes of the last meeting of Prov. Priory were read and confirmed. The Prov. Tr. was elected, and the Prov. Prior appointed his officers for ensuing year. Other business having been transacted, the Prov. Priory was closed. The Sir Knights were entertained by the De Furnival Preceptory at tea and other refreshments, when the usual toasts were given, and a most enjoyable evening passed. It is two years since Prov. Priory met, so we take it that the invitation of the Sheffield Sir Knights was a very timely one, especially as the meeting exhibited a revival of enthusiasm for the Order, and we may now look forward to its making great progress in West Yorkshire. The arrangements for the meeting, which were made by the Sheffield Sir Knights, were most successfully carried out.

**Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205.**—This Lodge held its usual meeting at Bro. Yetton's, the "Rising Sun," Bethnall-green, on the 23rd inst., when the Fifteen Sections were worked. Bro. Barnes W.M., Anstin S.W., Webb J.W., Myers I.P.M. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, then resumed in the first, when the sections were worked by the following brethren: 1st Lecture—Bros. Hallett, Shepherd, Durrell, Fieldwick, Williams, Webb, Rudderforth; 2nd Lecture—Bros. Holloway, Burr, Musto, Ives, Ellis; 3rd Lecture—Bros. Myers, Hewlett and Taylor. Bro. Myers proposed that a vote of thanks to Bro. Barnes be recorded on the minutes for his kindness in presiding, he would not say for the able manner in which the W.M. had worked the sections, for that was a stereotyped phrase, and every one who knew Bro. Barnes was aware that whatever he did in Freemasonry was done well. Bro. Webb seconded the proposition, which was carried with acclamation. Bro. Barnes, in reply, said that he thought Bro. Myers made a mistake when he said for his (Bro. Barnes's) kindness in taking the chair that evening, he looked upon it as a duty, not only of his, but of every member of the Craft who might be possessed of more knowledge than others to do all they could to impart it. Bro. Barnes thanked those brethren who had assisted him in the working, and hoped he might some time have the opportunity of seeing many of them occupying a similar position to the one he held this evening. A number of new members were elected. It must have been very gratifying to Bro. Barnes to see so large an attendance (47), this is the largest number ever present at the working of the sections in this Lodge. The Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned until the 30th inst., at seven o'clock.

**Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278.**—The installation meeting of this, one of the most flourishing of the Lodges in the Eastern district of the metropolis, was held on the evening of Thursday, the 20th inst. Bro. G. Ward Verry, who for the last six years has worthily filled the office of Secretary, was the W.M. elect. Amongst those who were present on this occasion were Bro. John Hervey Grand Secretary, Bro. H. G. Buss Assist. Grand Secretary; P.M.'s James Terry, Henry Lloyd, Ashburner, W. Crutch, Toye, and a large contingent of the members, whilst amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Newton P.M. 174, Seddon Org. 174, E. Killaway 192, J. L. Culpin 749, M. Christian 860, J. Perrin P.M. 1056, T. Cook 1056, G. Brooks P.M. 902, J. Quincey 1349, W. W. Morgan 1385, Clarke 1625, &c. The Lodge was opened by Bro. William Toye, who was supported by his officers. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the auditor's report was submitted; it showed the funds were in a most satisfactory condition. Bro. Toye then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. James Terry P.M., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, who had kindly offered to act as Installing Master. Bro. Henry Lloyd, as Director of the Ceremonies, introduced Bro. G. Ward Verry, and a Board of Installed Masters being formed, the ceremony was proceeded with. After the salutations, the following were invested as officers for the next year:—Bro. C. K. Crouch S.W., A. Lazarus J.W., James Terry P.M. Treasurer (re-elected ninth time), John Berry P.M. Sec., Defriez S.D., Sturtevant J.D., Hadley Prestage I.G., Chitson and R. C. Davis W.S., Jones D.C., Gilchrist Tyler. After some matters of interest to the members had been discussed, the W.M. requested the assistance of the brethren present to secure the election, in October, of Eleanor Elizabeth Spurgeon, daughter of a deceased member of the Lodge, who is a candidate for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Reference was also made to the promise the Lodge had given the Baroness Burdett Coutts to support the case of the son of the late Bro. George Belmore, a candidate for the Boys' School. The Lodge was then closed. After a short adjournment the brethren re-assembled and partook of an excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. Lloyd. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Verry remarked that, in consideration of the lateness of the hour, he should not occupy much time in introducing the toasts, but would at once call upon the brethren to drink the health of Her Majesty the Queen, and with it he would couple Prosperity to the Craft. After the National Anthem, the health of the M.W. the Grand Master was proposed. All around that table knew the interest he had taken in the welfare of the Order ever since his introduction into Freemasonry, and all would unite in wishing him health to preside over us. With the next toast—the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers past and present—was associated the names of Bros. Hervey and Buss. The W.M. said that he felt it a very great honour that had been paid him, and also the Lodge, by Bros. Hervey and Buss, who had found time, notwithstanding their multifarious duties, to come so far East. He trusted it would not be the last time he should have the pleasure of welcoming them in the Burdett Coutts Lodge. Bro. Hervey, on rising to reply, said he should leave Bro. Buss to speak for himself. It was gratifying to him at all times to come among his brethren and fellows, and it was especially gratifying to him to be so cordially received. This was not the first time he had visited the Burdett Coutts Lodge, indeed he had had the pleasure of placing the senior P.M. in the chair. With regard to the Grand Officers, all were men who had done good suit and service in the Craft; and it was eminently satisfactory to them to know they were held in such estimation. Bro. Hervey closed his remarks by again thanking the brethren for the way in which he had been received. Bro. Buss said that the Grand Secretary had so fully expressed himself, that little was left for him to say. He had watched, with deep interest, the progress the Lodge had made since its consecration, and he hoped it would continue to prosper. With regard to the present W.M., he was actuated in all he undertook by a firm desire to advance the best interests of Freemasonry, and it was gratifying to see so competent a brother in the chair of the Lodge. He (Bro. Buss) had been present at all the installation meetings, and he was convinced the Lodge never had a more deserving brother at its head. Bro. Verry was thoroughly competent, and under his guidance it could not fail to prosper. Bro. Toye, in brief but happy terms, proposed the health of the W.M., who on rising said: It was a rule with him, when in a difficulty, to endeavour, as speedily as possible, to get out of it. He could at all times manage to speak for others, but it was not such an easy matter to speak for himself. He trusted that during his year of office he might have plenty of work to do. Every Lodge, from time to time, requires an accession to its list of members, to fill up those voids that are created, necessarily, by a variety of causes. He thanked Bro. Toye for the kind way he had offered the toast, and the brethren for the way in which they had received it, and concluded by expressing a hope that they might have a prosperous year under his Mastership. The next toast on the list was the health of the I.P.M., to whom the W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, presented a P.M.'s jewel. Bro. Toye had carried out his duties to the satisfaction of every member of the Lodge, and all wished he might live long to wear the jewel amongst them. Bro. Toye would thank the brethren; he could not offer many remarks, but for quantity he would endeavour to make up with quality. He had tried to do his best, and he was proud to know he had met with their approval. If he could not feel he deserved all the kind things that were said of him, he was none the less mindful of the kindness that had prompted them. The toast of the Visitors was next offered; each speaker who replied complimented the Lodge on the satisfactory position it seemed to be in, and thanked the brethren for their hospitality. Bro. James Terry replied for the Past Masters; he commenced his remarks by discoursing, most eloquently, on the modesty of that august body. He next reviewed the special qualifications of each one, and said they were all pleased to enrol Bro. Toye as one of their number. He commented on the energy displayed by the W.M. in all matters he undertook, and expressed his personal thanks for the way in which Bro. Verry had exerted himself on behalf of the Charities. The Institutions had received over £600 through their worthy brother, and he was con-

vinced that Bro. Verry would continue to assist them by his persistent advocacy, and that in this respect all present would warmly support him. The Officers was replied to by Bro. Crouch, and the Tyler then brought the meeting to a close. Bros. Davis and Hadley Prestage entertained the company with excellent songs.

**Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday last, 27th Sept., at 7.30, Bro. Hill being in the chair. The first ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Grammer candidate. The second ceremony was also rehearsed, the Preceptor, Bro. Webb, acting as candidate. The Lodge being resumed to the first degree, the first, second, and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Ellis S.W., assisted by the brethren.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—Held at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 24th inst. Present—Bros. Powell W.M., Percy S.W., Trewinnard J.W., Kidder S.D., Cleverly J.D., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Hall I.G., Christopher Tyler, Simmonds, Bartle, Millward, Cook, Isaac, Cleverley, &c. Lodge opened in due form, minutes of last meeting read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Millward being candidate. Bro. S.W. worked the first and second, the W.M. the third, and Bro. Isaac the fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cleverley of Cornwallis Lodge, No. 1107, was elected a member. Bro. Percy was unanimously voted to the chair for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed, and the meeting adjourned until Monday next, the 1st of October, at 8 p.m.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—Held at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 21st September. Present—Bros. A. W. Fenner W.M., Hogarth S.W., Hine J.W., Cleverley S.D., Kent J.D., Lane I.G.; also Bros. Bolton, Townsend, Smith, Crouch, Campbell, Harlow, Percy. Lodge was opened, minutes read and duly confirmed. Lodge was advanced to second degree. Bro. Smith answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge opened in third degree; the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Smith acting as candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to first degree; Bro. Fenner was unanimously elected Preceptor to the Lodge. Bro. Hogarth was chosen W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

**Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174.**—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Monday, the 24th inst., at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C. Present—Bros. F. Brown W.M., Ellis Sec. and S.W., Webb J.W., Beedell S.W., Maidwell J.D., Westwood I.G. The Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, Bro. Wyatt offered himself as candidate, and was regularly raised by the acting W.M., who on the completion of that ceremony resumed the Lodge to the first degree. On the proposition of Bro. Webb, Bros. W. W. Morgan and W. W. Morgan jun. were elected as honorary members of the Lodge, which compliment having been acknowledged by those brethren, the Lodge was closed. The S.W. was chosen to preside at the following meeting, and he appointed the officers in rotation. The monthly meeting of the Charity Association in connection with this Lodge was then held, and a ballot taken for a life governorship, which ballot resulted in favour of Bro. Appleby.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—On Saturday, the 22nd of September, at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, Bros. Powell W.M., Stock S.W., Gibbs J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treasurer, Fenner S.D., Groner J.D., Brasted I.G., Percy Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. S. Waters 700, Garrod 754, and Osborn 1602. Business—The Lodge was duly opened, minutes confirmed, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. J. Brock candidate. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Byott candidate. The 4th section of the 1st lecture was worked by the Preceptor. Bros. Waters, Garrod and Osborn were elected members. It was proposed by Bro. Musto, and seconded by Bro. Stock, that Bros. Percy and Killick be elected hon. members; this was unanimously carried. Bro. Stock was appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

**Chigwell Lodge, No. 453.**—On Saturday last this Lodge held its last regular meeting for the year, at the Castle Hotel, Woodford, Essex. After the minutes of previous meeting had been confirmed the W.M., Bro. G. Corble P.G.J.W. Essex, proceeded to the business of the evening, which composed the raising of Bros. Buck and Drummond, and the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. John Egan, who was obligated and installed into the chair of King Solomon; the whole of the ceremonies being rendered in a very efficient manner. After the newly made Master had received the salutations of the brethren, he appointed his officers as follow:—Bros. G. Corble P.G.J.W. I.P.M., W. H. Glass S.W., R. Martin J.W., W. Holloway S.D., W. Wren J.D., Child I.G., J. Glass Treasurer, R. Mohn Secretary. There were present Bros. H. Sayer P.M., J. Tanner P.M., C. F. Hogard P.M., F. J. Cox P.M., and D. Reid P.M., Bros. Buck, Percival, and Drummond. Visitors—Bros. Edgar P.M. 554, Tucker J.W. 177, M. Pratt 624, W. J. Buck 1196, T. Nicholas J.W. 1457, J. Perry 869, Bradgate 55, W. Giles P.M. 55. Before the Lodge was closed a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Corble, as a token of respect for the manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair during the past year. The Treasurer reported the Lodge in a prosperous condition, and it was then closed, and the brethren repaired to the banquet, after which the usual Masonic toasts were given and replied to, and a pleasant evening was spent.

SHAMROCK AND THISTLE LODGE, No. 175, GLASGOW.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. HIGGINS.

This worthy brother, who has been an active member of the Lodge for above twenty years, during 15 of which he has served the office of Senior Steward, was presented by the members with a very handsome marble timepiece and gold Maltese cross pendant, on which was a suitable inscription; also, for the use of Mrs. Higgins, a handsome watch-chain and locket, set with diamonds. The hall was crowded with the members and deputations from other Lodges, Bro. Higgins being much respected in the Province. G. W. Wheeler representing 73, A. Bain P.M. with a large deputation from 103, Dr. Lewis R.W.M. 156, P. Hepburn S.M., R. Jock 128, Bros. Findler R.W.M. 333, R. Smart R.W.M. 347, and McNaught R.W.M. 556. Bro. D. Ronald R.W.M. of 175 having opened the Lodge, called the brethren off to refreshment, and then proposed the Sister Lodges, which was responded to by each of the Masters present, in appropriate terms. He then, most eloquently, made the presentation. Bro. Higgins, in his reply, said he was quite unable to do justice to his own feeling of gratitude for this splendid testimonial to his humble services. He found he was getting very much unlike his Mother Lodge, for the older she got the stronger she got, while he found that he was getting feebler. The R.W.M. said, in compliance with a time-honoured custom, he should ask the Masters and Wardens of the deputation present to preside in turn in his place. Bro. Burn and the Warden of 103 then took the chairs. Bro. Burn called on Bro. J. Johnson to sing, and took occasion to direct attention to the late visit of Bro. General Grant to this city, and the debt we, as Freemasons, owed to him for his exertions to spread happiness by freeing the slaves. Dr. Lewis R.W.M. of 156, Kilbarchan, on taking the chair, said it was a night of coincidents, for at that moment the Lodge resembled the Grand Lodge of England, as the Master and Wardens were brothers in blood as well as in the Craft, and it was not an every day occurrence to see three brothers of one family in the three chairs of a Lodge, but he had five of his natural brothers all Masons, and four of them were initiated by himself.

**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.**—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Monday last, when Bro. Jackson was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, the W.M., Bro. Thos. Cooper P.P.G.D.C. and P.M. 236, ably performing the ceremony. At its conclusion the Lodge was lowered, and a Lodge of Instruction was formed, Bro. T. B. Whythead S.W. occupying the chair and working the second degree. At refreshment, after the close of the Lodge, Bro. Appleyard, the Treasurer of the Lodge Famine Fund, announced that he had already paid over the sum of £10 10s to the Lord Mayor of York, and he expected the subscription to realise £15.

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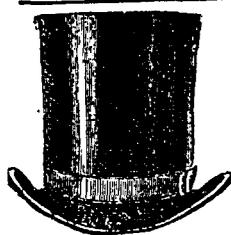
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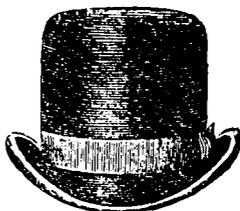
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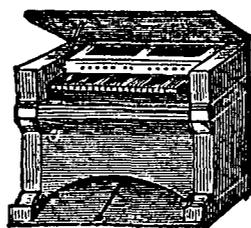
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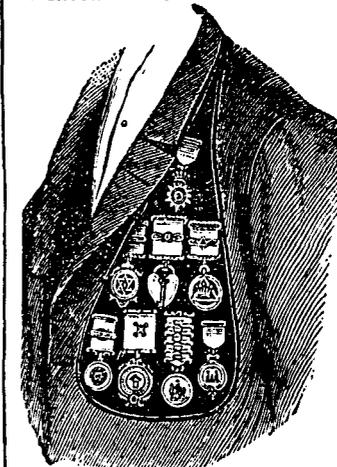
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