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THE CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL
MASONIC INSTITUTION.

THE Fifteenth Report of this Institution, which was founded in the year 1863, is in every respect satisfactory. Its object is to educate and advance in life the children of distressed and deceased Masons of the Province, and the benefits it confers annually in the fulfilment of this purpose are considerable. Moreover, our Cheshire brethren have contributed so liberally towards its support that the Institution has already about £3,000 invested in different kinds of stock, and a further sum of £300 ready to be invested when a favourable opportunity shall present itself. Thus the Charity is not only doing its appointed work satisfactorily, but it has accumulated funds, the interest of which will in time suffice to defray its annual expenditure. The pith of the Report for 1877 is as follows:—The Funds have increased from £2,858 to £3,202. Sixteen children have been educated, and five advanced. Only one application was made during the year for assistance, and the Committee rightly consider this a proof that greater care has been exercised by the Lodges in the admission of candidates. At the same time it is pointed out that this may be a very exceptional circumstance, and therefore brethren are urged to continue, and, if possible, increase their contributions. The Committee further express their thanks to the Prov. G. Master for having placed his nomination to the Boys' School at the service of the Institution, by which act of kind consideration a son of the late Bro. Meacock, P.M. of the Mersey Lodge, is being educated at the School at Wood Green. They likewise note with extreme pleasure that Bro. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, and Grand Senior Warden of the Province, has, by a contribution of Twenty Guineas, constituted himself a Vice-President; that a sum of Five Guineas, being the proceeds of an entertainment in the Parkgate district, has been received from the brethren of the Dee Lodge; that a further sum of £10 has been received from the Committee of management of the amateur performance at Birkenhead; and that the Stockport brethren have given ten guineas, being the proceeds of their annual ball. They note, lastly, the loss the Institution has sustained by the death of Bro. Robert Anderson, P.M. of the Zetland Lodge, who had given his valuable services as Solicitor gratuitously from its foundation. As to the Treasurer's statement of account, we note with pleasure the following particulars:—The opening balance of the year was £476 6s, and the receipts from all sources, including in addition to the sums already mentioned above, £328 11s 6d, as fees, donations, and subscriptions from Lodges and Chapters, and £117 5s 3d, as interest on invested property, amount to £499 13s 9d, making a total on the charge side of the account of £975 17s 9d. The discharge includes, besides minor expenses for printing reports and circulars, stationery, postage, &c., &c., £97 5s 5d for the education of sixteen children, £24 9s 7d for the advancement of five, £350 for the purchase of Mersey Dock Bonds, and five guineas for one share Great Western of Canada, making together a sum of £511 17 1d. Thus the balance at the close of the year amounted to £464 0s 8d, of which £306 6s 8d was in the North and South Wales Bank awaiting investment, and £157 14s in the Treasurer's hands. The funds of the Institution, including the aforesaid balances at bankers, and in hand, now represent a total of £3,202 2s 6d. We take leave to congratulate our Cheshire brethren on the very flourishing

condition of their Masonic Institution, which we doubt not, under the auspices of such brethren as the respected Prov. Grand Master in the capacity of President, and Viscount Combermere Past Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Sir Watkin W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of North Wales and Salop, the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.D., Dep. Prov. G.M., Captain Cope, P. Prov. S.G. Warden, Bro. Æ. McIntyre, Prov. G.S. Warden, and Bro. J. P. Platt Past Prov. J.G.W. as Vice Presidents, will go on increasing in prosperity. It should be added that an annual subscription constitutes the donor a Life Governor with one vote, and an additional vote for every additional five shillings; a donation of five guineas constitutes the donor a Life Governor, with a vote for each guinea subscribed, while one of twenty guineas makes him a Vice-President. Every Lodge and Chapter contributing twenty guineas at one time, or in the course of three years, is entitled to twenty votes during its existence. A subscribing Lodge or Chapter has the same privileges as a subscribing member. A minister of religion, who is a Freemason and advocates the cause of the charity from his pulpit, and has a collection on its behalf, becomes a Life Governor with five votes. Children for admission must be over seven and under 15 years of age, except in the case of a child whose parents are both dead, when the minimum age is reduced to six years; nor can they receive the benefits of education after sixteen years of age. The father of a candidate must have been a subscribing member to his Lodge for at least three years. Candidates for advancement must be over twelve and under eighteen.

MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 58.)

A HARBINGER OF PEACE.

A mind in wisdom old, in lenience young,
From fervent truth where every virtue sprung;
Where all was real, modest, plain, sincere,
Worth above show, and goodness unsevere:
Viewed round and round, as lucid diamonds throw,
Still as you turn them, a revolving glow,
So did his mind reflect, with secret ray,
In various virtues, Heaven's internal day.

WE have more than once remarked, in former articles or sketches, that one of the greatest and most acknowledged beauties of Freemasonry is its comprehensiveness, not only with reference to its cosmopolitan character or the universality of its system in regard to religious faiths, but likewise from its inclusion of men of all ranks in society. The days have long since departed when, except in the most bigoted countries, it was impossible for men of different creeds to meet together on terms of amity. Men of different nationalities have always found a way of mixing freely together, though there can be no question that Freemasonry has established among them a mystic bond previously unknown of men. But though religious and national animosities have been growing continually less and less embittered, so that except in the most emergent times men of the most diverse faith and origin now recognise they are of the same great human family, and have a common interest, how opposed soever to each other may be their several views, that kind of jealousy which has almost invariably existed in the relations towards one another of the different grades of society still, we regret to say, survives to a very considerable extent, and it is one of the chiefest boasts of the Freemason that the Society of which

he is so proud to be a member includes within its scope the commingling together, in one body, of men of every social grade. All men who are Masons, be they persons of rank and station, of great influence by reason of their abilities or wealth, or be they simply private individuals or of the great middle class of hard working men who live by the sweat of their brow, all these, within the precincts of our Order, meet together on a perfect footing of equality. We do not withhold the respect that is due to princely rank or fortune. We are perfectly well aware that social distinctions, in some shape or form, will continue to exist as long as there is a world to live in, and that the idea of a perfect equality among men is the mere dream of a visionary. Yet none the less is it true that all Masons are, *ipso facto*, equal, in the sense that all are bound by the same obligations to carry out, as far as in them lies, the beneficent design of Freemasonry. A fuller explanation of what constitutes Masonic equality will not be necessary among Craftsmen, while the non-Mason has no right to expect that we should go out of our way to be more explanatory. For them the story we are about to narrate must be a sufficient illustration of our meaning. Thus, in the series of Portraits which have appeared from time to time in these columns, we have sketched noteworthy men of every rank in the social scale, and this fact alone should, to our minds, be conclusive that Masonic equality is the reality we have proclaimed it to be, not the fiction which many who regard us with jealousy are anxious the world should consider it. In our last sketch we portrayed a peer of the realm who is the Masonic ruler of his Province. This week, our portrait is of one who belongs to the English middle class, who, in all the relations of life, has played his part well, and who, in his Masonic career, has filled a position of honour or of trust in every section of the society with which he is connected. There is, moreover, a most important characteristic by which this respected Brother of ours is distinguished. He is essentially a man of peace, that is to say, he is not only peacefully inclined himself, but he is also the promoter of peace among others. Whenever he hears that discord has arisen or is likely to arise among neighbours or among brethren, he exerts all his influence in the restoration of peace. The apple of discord is not a fruit which finds any favour with him, and with him for its guide a Lodge should always close in "peace and harmony." If it were any part of our duty to describe the profession or calling he follows, we should, perhaps, experience some difficulty in doing so. He simply belongs to that fortunate class of men who not only have enough and to spare of the goods of this world, but are prepared likewise to employ it to good purposes. However, we believe he is in some way connected with the management of those places of healthy recreation for the public which, in an overpopulated metropolis like ours, are indispensable. This, however, is a matter which concerns us not. Our task is to record his labours in the field of Masonry, and we think our readers, when they have read the following particulars, will agree with us that those labours reflect upon him the highest possible degree of credit.

The details of his Masonic career are certainly interesting, and will serve as well "to point a moral" for other brethren to mark and carefully consider its significance as to adorn the story of a worthy Craftsman. The features by which our brother's connection with Freemasonry has been principally distinguished are, in the first place, an utter absence from his work of all ostentation. What he has done has been done from sheer love of the Craft, not from love of self-exaltation. There has been no parade of his abilities, no undue eagerness to win the praise of his fellows. On the contrary, he has gone about his duties in a quiet and businesslike, yet thoroughly effective, manner. It is now nearly sixteen years since he was admitted to the benefits of Masonic light, and in that time he has made more than one mark with which his name will be associated long after he has been gathered to his fathers. Then he has been a studious Mason, and one who has ever made it a point to be regular in his attendance at Lodge and Chapter; and what is still more to the point, he is a practical Mason, by which designation, of course, we mean that he carries out in practice the obligations he has contracted. There may, in short, be nothing brilliant about his achievements, but he has laboured earnestly and with a large heart, and he has long since found his reward in the esteem and respect with which his brethren regard him, including even those who are but slightly acquainted with him. But to our task of

relating his Masonic history. He was initiated in the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174, on the 15th October 1862. Having passed through the minor offices, he at length became one of the rulers of the Lodge, and in January 1869, was rewarded by being elected to fill the Master's chair. In this capacity he did good service, and his presidency over the Lodge was so warmly appreciated, that on retiring, in due course, from his post, the members voted him a Past Master's Jewel. In October 1871, he joined the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, of Waltham New Town, in the Province of Herts, and in three years' time he filled the chair of his Lodge, receiving, as in the case of his Mother Lodge, a similar recognition of his merits on retirement from the cares of office. In December 1872, he was installed the first W.M. of the Langthorne Lodge, No. 1421, Stratford, of which he has the honour of having been the founder; and in 1876 he founded, and in the month of August was installed the first Worshipful Master of the Tredegar Lodge, No. 1625, Bow. A Past Master's Jewel was in each of these cases deemed only a just recognition of his valuable services by those whom he had presided over during the first year, and therefore, in many respects, the most critical period of the Lodge's existence. We have already mentioned his affiliation in 1871 to the King Harold Lodge, of Waltham New Town, in the Province of Herts, and that in October 1874, he was elected its Worshipful Master. But even before the latter office had been conferred upon him, his worth as a brother had received recognition at the hands of the Provincial authorities, for at the installation in August 1874, of the present Provincial Grand Master of Herts, our respected brother was appointed and invested a Provincial Grand Deacon.

So much for his achievements in Craft Masonry. As regards the Royal Arch, he was exalted in the Sincerity Chapter, No. 174, in October 1867, and was installed M.E.Z. in the same month of the year 1875. When his term of office was completed, he received a P.Z.'s jewel, as a slight token of the appreciation in which he was held by his Companions. He was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Thistle Lodge, No. 8, in October 1869, and was duly installed its W. Master in December 1876. On vacating the chair at the expiration of his year of office, the Thistle Mark brethren presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel. His zeal in connection with this branch of Masonry may be judged from the fact that even before he had been chosen to fill the chair of his mother Mark Lodge, he had won for himself the honour of being one of the founders, and was the first S.W. of the Temple Mark Lodge, No. 173, which was consecrated at Stepney in 1873. In 1874, our worthy brother was unanimously elected as W.M., and on laying aside the insignia of his office when his term had expired, he was presented with a P.M.'s jewel. If further evidence of his worth as a M.M. is needed, it will be found in the fact that he is a P.G. Officer of the Mark G. Lodge. These then are the details of his Masonic career so far as they relate to his membership of various Masonic bodies, and the various important offices he has filled. If, as we have said before, there is nothing dazzling about what he has done, there is no doubt he has rendered good service. Not the least gratifying circumstance in connection with this portion of his career is the fact that in all the seven bodies—the four Craft and the two Mark Lodges—as well as in his R.A. Chapter, he has in each case attained to the highest honours it was in the power of his fellow members to confer upon him. He has the further satisfaction of knowing that his name will always be associated with two Craft Lodges and one Mark—so long, of course, as they continue in existence—in the case of the former as the founder and first Master, and in the case of the latter as a founder and the first Sen. Warden. A further source of gratification must be the knowledge that by reason of his admirable work in the one Provincial Lodge of which he is a member, he has been rewarded with Provincial honours. It is quite possible for him to make still further progress in Freemasonry. He, indeed, would himself be the last to affirm that he had reached the topmost rung of the ladder. In such case, however, he will simply have the honour of surpassing himself. He has done what in him lies to merit the distinctions conferred upon him, and the respect which is entertained towards him. Other titular honours he may receive in the days to come, but these will confirm, though they cannot enhance, his fame.

We have said that he is a practical Mason, and gives effect indeed to the principles which were enjoined upon him at his Masonic birth. Well, he is Life Governor, and has

served two Stewardships in the case both of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He is a Vice-President of, and has served four Stewardships for, the R. M. B. Institution. Moreover, his wife and son are enrolled among the Governors of the Girls' and Boys' Schools, while the former is a Life Governor of the Female, and the latter of the Male Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. But this is far from representing the full extent of his labours in the cause of Charity. He has played a conspicuous part in connection with those Charity Associations which we have mentioned repeatedly in these columns, and which in a quiet substantial way are the means of raising very considerable amounts in aid of the funds of our several Charities. It would be difficult to reckon the number of Life Governorships to one or other of our Institutions which our respected brother has had his full share in creating, nor, indeed, is it necessary we should make the attempt. He is not one of those who would lay any stress on a duty adequately performed because it proved somewhat more productive of good in his own case than in that of some other Craftsman. He has played his part in these Associations, and the knowledge he has done so, is the most suitable reward he can possibly have.

Such, in outline, but here and there with greater or less fulness of detail, is the story of our brother's Masonic life. It reflects the greatest credit on him, as our ever-generous readers will probably be the first to admit. We have noted likewise, but necessarily briefly, the qualities by which he is professionally distinguished; to speak of them at length would be an impertinence. As to his social qualities, they lie on the surface of his character, and possess this further recommendation, that they are deeply rooted in his heart of heart, so that what is noticeable by his fellows is, if we may be permitted so to speak, the rich product of goodly seed which has been carefully sown in a well-tilled soil, and as carefully tended in the various stages of its growth. In short, our brother is a man of sterling worth, albeit—or it would be more accurate to say, because—in disposition he is quiet, reserved, and unostentatious. Thoughtful for others, conscientious in the performance of his duties, and zealous in the cause of Charity, he has earned for himself the love and respect of his associates in private life, in his calling, and in Freemasonry. He is the good exemplar whom the old and the young Mason alike may follow with advantage, and we hope and trust that his many and great virtues will long continue to exercise their just influence among Craftsmen.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BENGAL.

ACCORDING to the *Masonic Record of Western India*, the regular Quarterly Communication of this District Grand Lodge was held on the 19th January, at Freemasons' Hall, Bentinck Street, Calcutta. The R.W. the Hon. J. Pitt Kennedy District Grand Master presided, and was supported by Bros. J. B. Knight Dep. District Grand Master, T. Jones District G. S.W., H. H. Locke Past Dep. D.G.M. as District G. J.W., W. H. Fitze District Grand Treasurer, W. C. Bonnerjee District Grand Registrar, G. C. Farr District Grand Secretary, and other District Grand Officers, together with the representatives of several Lodges, and a number of visitors and Past Masters. The minutes of the previous Quarterly and a Special Communication having been confirmed, the District Grand Master briefly addressed the brethren, the only matter worthy of note to which he referred being the fact that "Lodge Energy and Fidelity," No. 1484, Dehri-on-Sone, owing to the insufficiency of members in the station, had been compelled to return its warrant. Bro. Kennedy, however, expressed a hope that the Lodge would not long remain in abeyance. The Report of the Committee of General Purposes was then read, when the following statements of account by the Grand Treasurer for the quarter to 30th November were submitted, namely: General Fund—Receipts, 541 Rs., Disbursements, including debit balance of 633 Rs., 1,912 Rs. leaving a debit balance of 1371 Rs. Freemasons' Hall Fund—Receipts, including balance brought forward, 3,700 Rs., Disbursements, 1,433 Rs., Balance, 2,267 Rs. Gas Account—Receipts, including balance, 189 Rs., Disbursements, 127 Rs., Balance, 62 Rs. Musical Instrument Fund—Receipts and Balance together, 509 Rs., Disbursements, 203 Rs., Balance, 306 Rs. Fund of Benevolence—Receipts and Balance together, 1,690

Rs., Disbursements, 1,132 Rs., Balance 558 Rs. As regards the last two Funds they possess 500 Rs. and 7,500 Rs. respectively in government paper. As to the repairs of the punkahs and renewal of the mats throughout the Hall, after some discussion a resolution that the repairs be proceeded with, the amount expended not to exceed 500 Rs., was carried. In respect of the portrait and testimonial to Past D. G. Master Hugh D. Sandeman, it was announced that the frame, which Bro. D. J. Zemin had promised to present D. G. Lodge was ready, and that the portrait would be placed in it by the next meeting of D. G. Lodge. A Committee was then appointed consisting of Bros. H. T. Prinsep, W. B. Mac-tavish, W. C. Bonnerjee, D. J. Zemin, and H. H. Locke, with a view to seeing that so much of the proposed testimonial to Bro. Sandeman as was still unfulfilled, namely, the purchase and presentation of a service of plate was carried out. The report of the Committee of the Bengal Masonic Fund of Benevolence having been read, the officers for the ensuing year were invested so that the roll of Dist. Grand Officers is now as follows:—Bros. Hon. J. Pitt-Kennedy Dist. G. Master, Hon. H. T. Prinsep Dep. Dist. G.M., Hon. C. A. Turner Dist. S.G. Warden, W. C. Bonnerjee Dist. G.J. Warden, Rev. A. H. Etty D. Grand Chaplain, W. H. Fitze D. T. Treasurer, J. G. Apcar D.G. Registrar, G. C. Farr D.G. Secretary, H. S. Sparks Dist. G.S. Deacon, G. J. Scott D.G.J. Deacon, Major J. C. Hay D.G. Supt. of Works, Capt. E. G. Lillingston D.G.D.C., J. Mumford D.G. Sword Bearer, N. C. Bural G. Pursuivant, A. Le Franc Custodian of the Hall, and C. H. Emmett, C. Liddell, G. H. Maffin, H. T. Beatts, J. R. Angus, E. H. Mullony Dist. G. Stewards. The Committee of General Purposes for 1878 having been announced, and the sum of 84 Rs. collected for the Fund of Benevolence having been handed to the Dist. G. Treasurer, the Dist. G. Lodge was closed.

We have gleaned the following particulars as to the Report of the Punjab Masonic Institution for 1877 from the columns of the *Masonic Record of Western India*. The annual general meeting was held on the 14th January at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, R.W. Bro. Major M. Ramsay, Dist. G. Master and President, occupying the chair. The balance at the commencement of the year was 422 Rs., and the receipts, including subscriptions, donations, and interest on capital being 5,472 Rs., the total charge amounted to 5,694 Rs. The expenditure, including 1,958 Rs. for School fees in respect of the eight children on the Fund, and 3,508 Rs. for the purchase of Government paper, reached 5,726 Rs., so that there remained a balance in hand on 31st December 1877 of 168 Rs. The invested capital, consisting of 18,500 Rs. Government Paper, 1,600 Rs. Dalhousie Hall share, and 150 Rs. Meean Meer do., amounts to 20,250 Rs. For the year 1878 it was proposed to raise the number of pupils on the Fund to ten, and the budget estimate was as follows, namely—Receipts: estimated subscriptions, 1,378 Rs.; donations, 2,000 Rs.; interest, 909 Rs., and grant from Pratt Fund, 720 Rs., giving a total of 5,007 Rs. Expenditure: Bishop Cotton School, six boys, boarders, 2,160 Rs.; Lahore High School, one boy, day scholar, 100 Rs.; Young Ladies' Seminary, Simla, day scholar, 144 Rs.; Mrs. Oertel's Seminary, Murree, one boarder, 300 Rs.; and Young Ladies' High School, Lahore, one boarder, 240 Rs., making together 2,944 Rs. The son of Bro. Griffiths and the son of the late Bro. Hill having been elected to the Fund, and it having been announced that the boy J. Asquith, apprenticed to the Railway Workshops last year, was doing well, and that Herbert and Wood, two of the boys at Bishop Cotton School, had passed the entrance examination to the Calcutta University in the first division, the meeting was brought to a close. The Report is in every way satisfactory. There are eighteen Lodges in the District, and the subscriptions and donations for 1877 exceeded 5,700 Rs., or an average of upwards of £20 per Lodge, while the invested funds exceed £2,000. Well done, Punjab!

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases of the skin.—No case of disease of the skin, be its nature what it may, has failed to be benefited when these potent remedies have been properly applied. In scrofulous and scorbutic affections they are especially serviceable. Scourvy and eruptions, which had resisted all other modes of treatment and gradually become worse from year to year, have been completely cured by Holloway's cooling Ointment, and purifying Pills, which root out the disease from the blood itself and leave the constitution free from every morbid taint. In the nursery Holloway's Ointment should be ever at hand; it will give ease in sprains, contusions, burn, scalds, and infantile eruptions, and may always safely be applied by any ordinary attendant.

THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday evening, the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, in the absence of the Prince of Wales, occupying the chair. There were present R.W. Bro. John Fawcett Prov. Grand Master, Durham, who occupied the chair of Deputy Grand Master, Lord Henniker Grand Senior Warden, Sir Harcourt Johnstone Bart., M.P., G.J.W., Lieut.-General J. S. Browning Prov. Grand Master Surrey, Colonel Burdett Prov. G.M. Middlesex, Montagu J. Guest Prov. G.M. Dorset, S. Rawson P.D.G.M. of China, Æ. McIntyre Grand Registrar, John Hervey Grand Sec., Sir Albert Woods Grand Director of Ceremonies, Rev. Bros. H. A. Pickard and H. A. Hill Grand Chaplains, Bros. Erasmus Wilson Grand Senior Deacon, Captain Philips P. Grand Deacon, J. C. Parkinson Past G. Deacon, H. A. Buss G. Assist. Secretary, Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain, Alderman Hadley, Dr. Jabez Hogg, John Wordsworth P.G. Steward, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.D., T. Cabitt, Joshua Nunn, Raphael Costa G.J.D., P. de Lande Long P.G.D., John A. Rucker President Colonial Board, H. C. Levander, Brackstone Baker, W. E. Gumbleton, S. Rosenthal, Rev. C. M. Arnold P.G.C., Rev. Sir J. Warren Hayes, W. Hyde Pallen, B. Head, &c., &c., &c. The minutes of the last Quarterly Communication and of the Grand Festival having been confirmed, the Pro Grand Master rose for the purpose of moving the resolution of which he had given notice, and which stood originally as follows, namely: "That this Grand Lodge agree in a vote of congratulation to His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Germany, Grand Protector of Prussian Freemasons, on his happy and providential escape from the recent attempt on his life." His Lordship, however, pointed out that since his notice had been placed on the agenda paper, a second attempt, and with far graver results, had been made on the Emperor's life. He was, as on the former occasion, driving through the streets of his capital when shots were fired at him, and he was seriously wounded, at a time moreover, when his life was of the greatest value in the councils of Europe. Generally, in these cases, the bullet or the dagger of the assassin had been providentially turned aside, and in this instance all must fervently pray that the life of the august Emperor would be spared. His great age, the signal services he had rendered to his country, his anxiety for the welfare of his people, his love of German unity, all ought to have pleaded in his behalf and saved him from such attacks. Throughout Germany there prevailed a feeling of horror and indignation at the crime, the same feeling was experienced throughout Europe, and last but not least in this country. It was not the habit of English Freemasons to mix themselves up with political affairs, but an event of this character was above the ordinary political level. Moreover, unlike many other sovereigns, his Imperial Majesty had not only not been afraid of Freemasonry, but he had identified himself with it, and was Grand Protector of Prussian Freemasons. Having stated thus much his Lordship announced that under the circumstances he should submit his motion in an altered form so as to express the abhorrence of the Grand Lodge of England at the foul attempts made upon the life of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Germany, Grand Protector of Prussian Freemasons, and the hope that the Great Architect of the Universe would be pleased to spare the life of one so valuable in the Councils of Europe. R.W. Bro. J. Fawcett P.G.M. Durham, having seconded the motion, it was carried with acclamation, on which Lord Carnarvon stated that His Royal Highness the Grand Master would have the record of the vote submitted to him for signature, and that it would then be forwarded.

A grant of £100 out of the Fund of General Purposes was then made towards assisting the members of the Igualdad Lodge, No. 653, Curaçoa, West Indies, who suffered from the hurricane on the 23rd September last. The report of the Committee appointed at the last Communication, to enquire into the financial and banking arrangements of Grand Lodge was then submitted, and the Pro Grand Master stated that, by reason of a technical error, it would be impossible for the Grand Lodge to entertain the report. He might state however, that the Committee, of which he had acted as the Chairman, had come unanimously to the conclusion that the current account of Grand Lodge be kept at the Bank of England in the names of the Grand or Pro Grand Master, the Dep. Grand Master, and Grand Treasurer, who should give an authority to pay cheques, signed as heretofore, and countersigned by the Grand Secretaryship. It would be necessary for the reason he had stated that the consideration of the Report should be postponed till the next Communication of Grand Lodge, but, under the circumstances, it was his Lordship's duty to submit a resolution embodying the above recommendation of the Committee of enquiry with the omission, however, of "Grand Treasurer," as for the present, no one had been appointed to fill that office. This resolution which, he remarked, will necessitate an alteration in the Constitutions was seconded by Bro. John Fawcett and carried. The Earl of Carnarvon then stated that owing to an engagement he was under the necessity of vacating the chair, and his Lordship having invited Bro. John Fawcett to preside in his place, quitted Grand Lodge in company with Sir Harcourt Johnstone G.J.W. Col. Burdett then took the chair of Dep. G. Master, and Captain Platt that of Grand J. Warden.

Grand Lodge next proceeded to the election of members of the Board of General Purposes, the Colonial Board, and the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The following were appointed Scrutineers:—Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, Jas. Terry, H. Bartlett, H. Garrod, W. H. Lee, Jos. Smith, John Newton, Edwin Bare, W. J. Marlis, W. Hilton, James Willing jun., and Walter Hopekirk, and the result of the scrutiny will be found appended to this report. The Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter was submitted, and the several grants, as enumerated in these columns last week, were confirmed. The Report of the Board of General Purposes, to which was subjoined a Statement of Grand Lodge Accounts, and the Annual Report, dated 17th May 1878, of the Royal Masonic Benevo-

lent Institution were then submitted; and Bro. B. Head's motion, to the effect that the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes for the purpose of supplying coals during the winter season to the residents of the Institution at Croydon having been agreed to, and Bro. Fawcett having announced that the G. Master had nominated Bro. J. B. Monckton as President of the Board of General Purposes, and Bro. John A. Rucker as President of the Colonial Board, Grand Lodge was closed in the usual manner.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

J. B. Monckton, PRESIDENT
Sir Albert Woods (*Garter*)
Erasmus Wilson
Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke
James E. Saunders
Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C.
John A. Rucker
Thomas Fenn
P. de Lande Long
Joseph Smith
Thos. G. Bullen, W.M.
A. B. Cook, W.M.

Ralph Gooding, W.M.
Robt. Turtle Pigott, W.M.
G. Pitt-Lewis, W.M.
H. R. Cooper Smith, W.M.
J. Knight Stead, W.M.
D. Betts (154 votes) P.M.
H. C. Levander (128 votes) P.M.
Chas. Atkins (108 votes) P.M.
John G. Stevens (100 votes) P.M.
H. Bishop (100 votes) P.M.
Frank Green (98 votes) P.M.
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GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

BY far the largest and most important gathering of Grand Mark Lodge since the establishment of the Order of Mark Masonry took place on Tuesday, the 4th inst., for the purpose of installing the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master of English Freemasonry, into the exalted position of Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Order. The Present and Past Grand Officers, and Worshipful Masters and members of the several Lodges entitled to attend, assembled in considerable numbers at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., at the appointed hour, and Grand Lodge was opened at five o'clock in the afternoon by the M.W. Grand Mark Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Limerick. Amongst those present were the M.W.P.G.M. the Rev. George Raymond Portal, R.W.D.G.M. Lord Skelmersdale; the R.W. Bros. the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G.M.M. Stafford and Warwickshire, W. H. Giddy, P.G.M.M. South Africa; the V.W. Bros. Lord Henniker, D. M. Dewar G.S.O., the Rev. P. M. Holden, and F. W. Thoyts G. Chaplains, F. Davison G. Treas., H. C. Levander G. Registrar, F. Binckes G. Sec., J. R. Else G.J.D., W. Wigginton G. Supt. Works, R. Berridge G.D.C., W. Spencer G.A.D.C., W. Belcher G. Org., Thos. Poore G.I.G., Speight G. Tyler, J. Tomlinson, Dr. Ace, and O. H. Pearson Stewards; also V.W. Bros. Capt. N. G. Philips, W. E. Gumbleton, and J. S. Browning Past Grand Wardens, G. Mellor, S. Dibdin, James Stevens, Thomas Meggy, and R. Goepel Past Grand Overseers, the Rev. F. F. Ravenshaw and D. Shaboe P.G. Chaplains; W. Bros. E. T. Inskip, W. Griffiths, and Thos. Hargreaves P.G. Deacons, George Neall P.G. Supt. Works, T. J. Sabine, Thos. Trollope, and S. Rosenthal P.G. Directors of Ceremonies, W. Worrell, F. H. Cozens, and W. A. Barrett P.G. Organists, J. H. Spencer P.G.I.G., Alfred Williams, H. Massey, J. H. Piggott, and C. Pulman P.G. Stewards. There were also present a large number of Provincial Grand Officers and private members of Lodges, whose names we were unable to obtain; and the list of apologies for absence was lengthy, and still further testified to the great interest taken in the meeting. The proceedings were opened by the confirmation of the minutes of the previous Grand Mark Lodge meeting, and the report of the General Board was then read and the several recommendations therein contained discussed. Amongst the most important of these was a proposal to increase the number of nominations for the office of Stewards, the application of a portion of the Benevolent Fund towards the education of orphans and children of Mark Master Masons, and the investment of a sum of money in bonds on account of the General Fund. The installation of the M.W.G.M. elect was then proceeded with, and the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale was presented by the M.W.P.G.M. the Rev. G. R. Portal, who took occasion to refer to the fact, that the appointment of the noble Lord formed one more link in the chain of unity between the Mark degree and the Grand Lodge of England, of which his Lordship is the Deputy Grand Master. The M.W.G.M.M. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Limerick then ably inducted his successor, addressing him in most appropriate terms in respect of the duties of his office, and congratulating him on the position which the Order has attained in the ranks of Freemasonry. The M.W.G.M.M. having been saluted in ancient form acknowledged the honour conferred upon him, stating it to be the highest he could hope to obtain of the many dignities in connection with Freemasonry, and expressing his devotion to the Order and his intention to endeavour to promote its interests

in every respect. He concluded by extolling the labours of the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick during his three years of Grand Mastership, and in the name of Grand Lodge presented that noble Lord a very handsome and substantial jewel in recognition thereof. The Earl of Limerick in thanking Grand Lodge, in most cordial terms acknowledged the assistance rendered to him by his Grand Officers, and gracefully complimented them. The Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested as follows, viz., the Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore R.W. Deputy Grand Master; V.W. Bros. Lord Henniker G.S.W., Thos. F. Halsey P.M. G.J.W., Thos. J. Sabine G.M.O., Reg. J. Mure G.S.O., R. H. Thrupp G.J.O., Revs. J. H. Hatch and Thos. Radley G. Chaplains, Fredk. Davison G. Treas., H. C. Levander G. Reg., Fredk. Binckes G. Sec.; W. Bros. Benj. Smith and Alfred Williams G.S. Deacons, R. G. Smith and Capt. G. Watson G. J. Deacons, W. D. Bright G. Supt. of Works, Robert Berridge G.D.C., Martin Kemp A.G.D.C., Capt. Chas. Hunter G.S.B., J. B. Shackleton G. Std. B., R. M. Belcher G. Org., D. M. Dewar A.G. Sec., J. Salmon G.I.G., C. Speight G. Tyler; W. Hammond, Rev. D. Ace, G. Higgins, O. H. Pearson, S. H. Knaggs, H. W. Charrington, Murley, W. Barfoot, S. Jones G. Stewards. The following brethren were nominated by the M.W.G.M.M. to serve on the General Board, viz.—M.W. the Rev. G. R. Portal President, and W. Bros. Meggy, Rosenthal, Dibden, Matier, Stidolph, and Cubitt; and Grand Lodge elected W. Bros. Sabine, Mure, Shackleton, H. O. Pearson, and Wigginton. Notice was given of the intention to hold a moveable Grand Lodge under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland, at the Court House, Keswick, on Friday, the 14th June, when the Fletcher Lodge, No. 213, and the Henry Lodge, No. 216, will be respectively consecrated. Grand Mark Lodge was then closed in solemn form, and the members adjourned to banquet, which was, in the unavoidable absence of the M.W.G.M.M., presided over by the Earl of Limerick.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at the Freemasons' Hall last Saturday afternoon. Bro. Henry Browse, P.G.D., presided. The meeting was very largely attended, the election of the House Committee being on the day's paper of business. After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, Bros. Webster, H. Cox, Willing, Cubitt and Jardine were appointed Scrutineers of votes for the election. The petitions of the friends of five candidates were then considered, and the five children were placed on the list for October. The salary of the Assistant Matron was raised from £40 to £50 a year, and Bro. Binckes reported that Bro. Plucknett, the Treasurer, had received from Mr. Turquand, as representing the estate of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., £730 0s 3d, paid by the Haunts and North Wilts Bank as a composition at the rate of 9s in the £1 on the balance of this Institution in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co. at the date of their failure. Bro. Binckes said there was an amount of £75 4s 4d to the credit of the Institution on the Sustentation Fund, but this would probably be paid in full out of the private estate of Bro. Samuel Tomkins. Bro. Binckes read a resolution of the Lodge of Harmony, 298, Rochdale, congratulating the Institution on its success at the last Cambridge Local Examination. Outfits were granted to four late pupils, who had obtained situations, and were conducting themselves with satisfaction to their employers. £100 was voted from the General to the Sustentation Fund, and Bro. Benjamin Head reported the presentation of Mrs. Monckton's portrait. Dr. Jabez Hogg having suggested the desirability of providing workshops at the Institution, for the cultivation of a knowledge of Mechanical Arts among the pupils, the subject was referred to the House Committee, to consider and report upon to the next Quarterly Court. The following brethren were elected the House Committee:—

Bro. J. Gyles Chancellor	-	-	-	-	with 80 votes.
" Benjamin Head	-	-	-	-	" 78 "
" Henry Wallis Hunt	-	-	-	-	" 76 "
" W. F. C. Moutrie	-	-	-	-	" 78 "
" J. Joyce Murray	-	-	-	-	" 78 "
" William Paas	-	-	-	-	" 78 "
" W. Hyde Pullen	-	-	-	-	" 79 "
" William Roebuck	-	-	-	-	" 80 "
" Sigismund Rosenthal	-	-	-	-	" 76 "
" G. J. Row	-	-	-	-	" 79 "
" R. W. Stewart	-	-	-	-	" 78 "
" Stephen Wood	-	-	-	-	" 75 "

The following brethren, nominated on 4th May 1878, being the number required for the Finance and Audit Committee, were duly elected without ballot:—

Bro. John Boyd	Bro. D. W. Pearso
" J. W. Dosell	" Jesse Turner
" E. B. Grabham	" Alex. Wallace
" Benjamin Head	" R. B. Webster
" W. Mann	

PRESENTATION OF A TESTIMONIAL TO DR. STRONG.

THE usual Quarterly Visit of the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was paid at the Asylum at Croydon on the 31st ult., and after the business of the day was over,

a few friends were invited to meet Dr. Strong, the Honorary Surgeon to the Institution, and Mrs. Strong at dinner, whereat Col. Creaton, Vice-patron and Trustee, presided as Chairman. Bro. Terry, Secretary to the Institution, took the Vice-chair, and the other ladies and gentlemen present were Bro. Samuel Rawson, Bro. Raynham Stewart, Bro. J. A. Farnfield, Bro. Morgan, Bro. George Forster, Bro. H. Massey, Bro. James Adams, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Terry and Mrs. Hunt, and Bro. Norris, Warden. The occasion of the party was to witness the presentation of a handsome silver service of plate, of the value of 100 guineas, which, on the motion of Bro. Raynham Stewart, the Committee of Management—as reported in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE—voted to Dr. Strong, as Honorary Surgeon of the Institution. After dinner, Col. Creaton first proposed "The Institution," which Bro. Terry acknowledged, and said he hoped it would maintain its present proud position of being at the head of the three Institutions in the amount of its annual receipts. It was now paying to 280 aged brethren and widows £10,300 a year; and last year its receipts amounted to the grand total of over £16,000. When Dr. Strong first became Honorary Surgeon to the Institution its income was only £2000 or £3000 a year. The Chairman, in presenting Dr. Strong with the testimonial, said Dr. Strong had done good suit and service to the Institution for many years, and his services had not been forgotten by the Committee. At the last meeting of the Committee a hundred guineas were voted for the purpose of providing a testimonial to him, and though this was but a small recognition of his eminent services, Dr. Strong would take it in the spirit in which it was meant. It was not only the Committee, but all the inmates of the Institution, who were fully alive to the care and attention he paid to them. The inscription on the salver, which was a portion of the testimonial, was:—"Presented, together with a service of plate of the value of one hundred guineas, by the Committee of Management, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to HENRY JOHN STRONG, Esq., M.D., Past Prov. Grand Warden Surrey, in recognition of the great attention and valuable services rendered by him to the residents of the Institution at Croydon during a period of 17 years as the Honorary Surgeon. 31st May 1878." He trusted that Dr. Strong would live many years to pursue his life of usefulness, and, together with Mrs. Strong, look upon this testimonial with feelings of satisfaction. Dr. Strong, who was visibly affected, in reply—after apologising for his inability to return thanks adequately—said, that it was true he had been connected with the Institution for more than seventeen years, but still he trusted that it might be many years before his connection with it was severed. It was also his hope that the connection between the Chairman and the Committee might long continue, and that the brethren might long see an extended course of the career of usefulness which had resulted to the Institution from that connection. What he had done for the Institution was a labour of love. The Institution was a hobby of his, and he always endeavoured, both in the building and abroad, to do the best he could for it. The other Masonic Institutions had no doubt great claims on the Craft, but he held that to solace the aged and afflicted was the primary duty of Freemasons. That was the object he had in view, and he had always tried to give effect to it. Time had wrought great changes in the Institution. The number of its annuitants had greatly increased since he was first its Honorary Surgeon. Bro. Terry had said that they were now spending £10,000 where they, seventeen years ago, spent £3,000; and as this was the case, it was a proof that even greater exertions on behalf of the Institution were required than heretofore. The handsome present just made to him would be an encouragement to him to go on in the future as he had gone on in the past. He looked upon it as an exceedingly kind and considerate thing that the testimonial should have been presented to him in the very building where his labours had been carried on, where he was surrounded by those brethren and widows to whom he had endeavoured to be of service. He tendered his best thanks to Bro. Raynham Stewart for proposing to the Committee of Management that this testimonial should be voted. This was not the first time his services had been recognised, for in January 1877 the inmates of the Institution presented him with the handsome watch he was now wearing, a cabinet of microscopical instruments, and the elegant locket which his wife now wore. He concluded by thanking the brethren, and hoping that if he had not said sufficient the company would ascribe it to his inability to say all he felt. "The health of the Chairman" was proposed by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, and Col. Creaton, in reply, expressed what great pleasure it had given him to present the testimonial to Dr. Strong. "The health of Dr. and Mrs. Strong, with many happy returns of the day," was proposed by Bro. Terry, the following day being the anniversary of their wedding day. Mr. Hunt returned thanks for the toast of "The Visitors," and testified, as an old resident in Croydon, to the usefulness of Dr. Strong as a public man. Some other toasts were afterwards honoured, and the brethren returned to town after spending a delightful evening.

Hilda Chapter, Rose Croix.—The regular Meeting of this Chapter was held at the Queen's Hotel, York, on Monday last, at 3 p.m. Present, Bros. T. Cooper M.W.S., C. J. Banister 33°, S. G. Inspector General for the Northern District, J. W. Woodall 31°, W. H. Britain 31°, T. B. Whytehead Intend. General, J. S. Cumberland Marshal, M. Millington Raphael, A. T. B. Turner Recorder; J. Ward Capt. of Guards, G. Simpson D. of Ceremonies, P. H. Rowlands Org., &c. Bros. S. Chadwick, and J. Winfindale, having been regularly approved, were duly perfected. Votes of thanks were passed to Bros. M. Millington and A. T. B. Turner for several very valuable gifts presented by them to the Chapter. Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister 33° expressed his gratification at having been enabled to be present, and so the Chapter so efficiently worked as it had been that evening. A banquet was subsequently held.

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AN OLD DOGGREL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In turning over the leaves of an old Bible (date 1611) the other day, I discovered the enclosed M.S. dog-grel verses, which in spite of their rude construction may possibly be considered worthy of a corner in your pages. There are one or two curious allusions bearing apparently on Masonic legends. The verses, judging from the style of the writing and faded condition of the ink, were probably penned about the end of the last century, and the watermark of the paper has the date 1791. Probably they are the effort of an operative Mason inspired by thirst.

I am, yours fraternally,

T. B. WHITEHEAD.

York, 5th June, 1878.

Most noble Master, glad we are to see you come this day,
In health, to view your lofty Tower, and Workmen to survey,
The garden walls goe on apace, but still we pine and fret,
For fear the ale from Rushyford be spoiled by the heat.
While many people fear the same, in vain their lungs they waste,
For how should we their doubts resolve unless we should it taste.
If you this joke accept but well, and grant us this small favour,
Great Sir, you would revive the Heart of the old Mason Labourer.
A cup of this right Stingo, Sir, would make us quite alert,
And to get forward with the work we'll all ourselves exert.
I'll my Three Masters mild commands do without hesitation,
May all their plans attract your Eye, and meet your approbation.
When your fair Consort by your side accompanys you here,
She'll stand surpriz'd for to behold how quick the Walls we rear:
But Gratitude claims our best wish, so for donations past
May God protect you through this Life and crown you at the last.
Your most obedient, noble Sir, adhere unto this Wonder,
Adam has spoke from of the Tower, with voice as loud as Thunder.
I am afraid my feet will slip and I again shall fall,
Because there is no soldering ale put in the lead at all:
When reinstated on my stand happy I thought my fate,
And understood the Masons would my joys congratulate;
These souls would quaff from hand to hand, had they but your
donation;
And sing and wish I firm may stand in former situation.
Have statues sence? have stoues got ears? some censuring critick
cries;
Surre Joshua's Stone* heard Israel's God, or else the Scripture lyes.
Whether or no, it matters not, we'll thank you for the favour,
Hope you'll accept this as a joke from your poor Mason Labourer.

* Joshua xxiv. 26 and 27.

THE VACANT SECRETARYSHIP.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Among the number of candidates all equally eager to secure the vacant post of Secretary to the Girls' School, there is scarcely one who is in any way conspicuously known in the Craft. I well remember when the late Bro. Little sought the suffrages of the Life Governors under similar circumstances, although at the time only holding an inferior position on the staff of Grand Lodge Officials, he had already made his mark, and was well known for urbanity, learning, gift of thought, and general Masonic abilities, not only in London, but equally so in the provinces. Again, genial Bro. Terry, when he aspired to succeed the late Bro. Farnfield, had long secured for himself a wide-spread reputation for possessing the qualities necessary for the efficient discharge of the important duties of such an office. I have no recollection of the election of Bro. Binckes, but for many years past he has afforded ample opportunities for judging that he must have possessed all the power and energy which has enabled him to ensure the undeniable success of the Institution of which he is the guiding spirit. But who are the men who now stand forward? I have no desire, and far be it from my very thoughts to say one single disparaging word against any of them. Yet it seems to me the Craft is more than justified in demanding to know something of him to whom the guidance of one of its cherished institutions is about to be entrusted. In every kind of important election, candidates make it a point to meet constituents, and frequently not only principles, but manner and matter of speech go far to influence a decision. Even an aspirant to a civil service clerkship, the emolument for which probably does not reach far above the magnificent sum of one hundred pounds per annum, has to submit to harassing and often laborious competitive examinations. Why, in this instance, where such high interests are at stake, should success depend not upon capacity, but upon the good fortune of being able to secure the greatest number of friends among those entitled to vote, and whose leisure or avocations will enable them to be present personally on the day of the poll. For proxy voting seems entirely out of the question, and consequently vast numbers will be debarred from recording their vote altogether. Many ways might be suggested to bring about a meeting of candidates and voters, but there is one

which possesses the rare merit of efficacy combined with economy. Most regular Lodges are closed this time in the year, but Lodges of Instruction are open every evening in the week. An announcement that one or more of the candidates intend to be present at a given place and date for the purpose of advocating their claims for support, would infallibly result in a large gathering of voters whose judgment may be relied upon, and, therefore, the fittest man would have the best chance of success. This mode of testing the merits of candidates is suggested by the W.M. of the Tranquillity Lodge, and many Past Masters and influential brethren have spoken to me to the same effect. As the matter stands at present considerable dissatisfaction is expressed, which it might be wise for the authorities to take note of. I am sure no one will dispute that, at this juncture, the greatest precaution is necessary that no step be taken which might in any way prove disadvantageous to the Institution.

Fraternally yours,

E. GOTHEIL.

SUMMER BANQUET OF THE FORTITUDE AND OLD CUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 12.

MANY Lodges have now closed their doors for regular meetings until October, but of late years it has become popular to hold summer banquets; this enables the brethren to enjoy a day's outing, and acts as a connecting link to remind them of the social hours passed in Lodge. The members of the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, look forward to these Summer gatherings; last year they dined at the Ship, at Greenwich, on which occasion H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master was the guest, at the same establishment, of the Officers of the Prince of Wales's own Norfolk Regiment of Militia, and the ringing cheers given him on his departure testified the loyalty of the members. Under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Nicols, and through the exertions of Bro. L. Ruf P.M. and Treas., it was arranged that the meeting this year should take place at the Star and Garter, Richmond, and a prettier spot could not have been selected. On this occasion, however, nearly every house in Richmond shewed a symbol of mourning as a mark of respect to the late Earl Russell, whose funeral had been fixed for the same day. Luncheon was served at the residence of the W.M., at Surbiton. The brethren then repaired to the Star and Garter, Richmond. The dinner was served in the Old Coffee Room of this establishment, the only room that escaped the ravages of the fire which occurred some few years ago. It overlooks the river, and a splendid view of the magnificent scenery which surrounds the house can be obtained here. The dinner, dessert and wines were all that could be desired, and were supplied by the Company, under the able direction of the Secretary and Manager, Bro. G. Rudolph Hunt. The W.M. Bro. D. Nicols occupied the chair, while the Wardens' chairs were filled by Bros. J. W. Mower and Coombs. The Chairman proposed the health of the Queen and the rest of the Royal Family. Bro. W. B. Kidder I.P.M. then rose: he had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M., whose good qualities were well known to all. He was ever mindful of the calls of charity, and his liberal contributions to the Institutions evidenced his interest in their welfare. Bro. Nicols, in reply, said it was a great privilege to occupy the chair of so distinguished and ancient a Lodge; he was proud that day to be honoured by the presence of the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex. He thanked the brethren for their expressions, and hoped that his efforts to please them had given satisfaction. Bro. W. B. Kidder I.P.M., with the permission of the W.M., proposed the health of their distinguished guest,—the R.W. Bro. Col. Bardett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; we all know his great qualifications and his zeal in the cause of Masonry; we know him also in connection with his distinguished relative, the Baroness Bardett Connts, whose name is a household word in every charity; he would ask them to give a hearty reception to the toast. Bro. Col. Bardett thanked Bro. Kidder for his kind expressions, and for the hearty reception his name had been received with. The Prov. Grand Officers he had appointed during the ten years he had been Prov. G.M. of Middlesex had always done their duty; he was proud of them. In speaking of his illustrious relative, Col. Bardett said she had done good service for Masonry, and she was proud of the Lodge named after her. Whenever she was asked to contribute to the Three Charities, she was always ready and willing. For himself, ever since he had occupied the chair as Prov. G.M. for Middlesex, he had received every kindness, and it was to him a great amount of pleasure to see how the Province had prospered. He thanked them for their hearty recognition of the toast. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Visitors, and called on Bro. Curlier, No. 11, to respond. This brother thanked the W.M. for the hospitality he had shown, not only on this, but on many other occasions; he knew the Visitors appreciated his kindness; he had provided them a most enjoyable day. Bro. W. B. Kidder replied for the Past Masters. It was an honour to respond to this toast; the P.M.'s were always anxious to do service and exert themselves for the benefit of the Lodge. The W.M. said there was one toast that ought not to be omitted, and that was the health of Bro. Leopold Ruf; he was the Treasurer of the Lodge, and to him was due the success of the day. He always looked after their creature comforts in the Lodge, and was ever a good and kind Brother; he would ask all present to give him a hearty greeting. Bro. Ruf thanked the W.M. and the brethren for their reception of the toast. This was the thirteenth year he had served the office of Treasurer. He had been twenty-one years a P.M., and whatever he had done for the Lodge was for its benefit. He was Father of the Lodge, and had been connected with it for twenty-eight years. In replying for the Officers, Bros. Mower, Coombs, and E. E. Kidder made excellent speeches, and the brethren then separated, after passing a most

enjoyable day. Among those present were Bros. A. Snelgrove P.M. Sec., W. B. Kidder, Sidney Rolls, Dudley Rolls, Angold, R. W. Stewart, G. Snelgrove, Lilley, Matthews, H. Mower, A. Porter, E. E. B. Kidder, T. W. Elliott, G. Hudson, Walker, Crouch, Krehl, Battenbach, &c.; while among the Visitors were Bros. Col. Burdett Prov. G.M. Middlesex, Dr. Barringer, Dr. Carpenter, Dr. Ramsay, Dr. Saunders Green, Paul Storr, Wian, Fountain Meen, Ward, Curlier, Raudley, A. Glaser, H. M. Levy, &c.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE.

BRO. William Kelly, F.R. Hist. Soc., Provincial Grand Mark Master, presided at the annual communication of Mark Master Masons of this Province, at the Freemason's Hall, Leicester on the 23rd ult. The Provincial Grand Lodge assembled under the auspices of the Fowke Lodge No. 19, and the veteran Provincial Grand Master Brother Kelly was warmly received and well supported. The Mark Lodges were fully represented, and the reports from the worshipful masters descriptive of a prosperous year, with a marked increase in members. Brother Robert Waite was unanimously elected Treasurer, and a cordial vote of thanks tendered for past services. The Provincial Grand Master appointed the following brethren to the grand offices, and invested those present—Bros. S. S. Partridge, D.P. G.M., J. T. Thorpe, S.W., William Sculthorp, J.W., Rev. William Langly, M.A., chaplain, C. A. J. McBride, M.O., R. A. Barber, S.O. Dr. Henry Meadows, J.O., R. Waite, Treasurer, Clement E. Stretton, R.M., J. M. M'Allister, Secretary, R. Taylor, S.D., Thomas Worthington, J.D., A. H. Burgess, D.C., Dr. R. B. Smith, A.D.C., William Vial, I.W., Dr. J. Hunt, S.B., William M. Randall, S.B., T. A. Wykes, Organist, Samuel Knight, J.Y., T. R. Pickering, S. J. Simpkin and Edward Newton jun., stewards. At the conclusion of the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the interesting ceremony of installing Bro. R. A. Barber in the chair of the Fowke Lodge, was ably performed by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master Bro. Kelly, who is ever ready to use his best exertions in promoting the welfare of the province over which he has presided since it was constituted in 1858. Bro. Kelly is now the senior Prov. Grand Mark Master in England, and that he may long be spared to direct the business is the desire of every brother. Bro. R. A. Barber, newly installed W.M. invested with the collar and jewel of their offices—Bro. Wm. Sculthorp, I.P.M., T. A. Wykes, S.W., G. W. Stratham, J.W., J. Young, M.O., R. Taylor, S.O., J. Farndale, J.O., G. Odell, Treasurer, T. Worthington, Secretary, J. O. McDonald, R.M., J. O. Law, S.D., Dr. Thos. Macaulay, J.D., S. Knight, D.C., W. T. Rowlett, Organist, W. H. Chamberlin, I.G., S. S. Partridge P.M. and T. R. Pickering, Stewards. There were also present:—Rev. C. H. Wood, J. H. Biggs, J. Nugent, J. C. Duncombe, J. H. Hale, J. E. Beazley, E. H. Butler, A. G. Chamberlin, Henry Eagle, Dr. Clifton, W. L. Ball, George Toller jun.; and the Grand Lodge of England was represented by the Mayor, Bro. Clement Stretton, Past Grand Steward, and Bro. William Barfoot, Grand Steward. Bros. John Harrison and Joseph Read were advanced to the degree of Mark Master, and Bro. Barber, W.M., ably presided at the banquet which followed.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE half-yearly meeting was held on Wednesday, at the Assembly Rooms, Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough, the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, Prov. Grand Master, in the chair. A very good attendance of brethren was present, amongst others being Brothers G. Toller jun., Past G.S.B. of England, Rev. W. Langley, P.P.S.G.W., S. S. Partridge, P.P.S.G.W. and P.G. Sec., T. Macaulay, P.P.J.G.D., Dr. Grant, W.M. of the Harborough Lodge, J. H. Douglass, Rev. J. Halford, Beaumont Smith, P.S.G.W., Rev. F. H. Richardson, Prov. G. Chaplain, Dr. Hunt, of Thurnby, W.M. of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, S. Cleaver, Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, and many members of the local lodges, and from the Leicester and Melton lodges. The Grand Lodge was opened at three o'clock and the business transacted included the adoption of a lengthened report presented by the Charity Committee. A vote of thanks for his services as Steward of the Masonic Girls' School Festival, was unanimously given to Brother Partridge, and a sum of money to a brother, who, from losses and illness, was recommended by the Charity Committee. At the conclusion of the business the dinner was served under the presidency of the popular Prov. Grand Master. The D.P.G.M., Sir H. St. John Halford, Bart., was prevented being present through illness.

We learn from *le Monde Maçonnique*, that the Lodge *Les Sages d'Héliopolis* of the Orient of Bucharest, has just contributed the handsome sum of 6,450 francs (£258), one moiety for the relief of the soldiers wounded during the war, and the other for the benefit of the widows and orphans of those who have fallen victims to its ravages. It has also remitted to the Grand Orient of France 100 francs, as a subscription towards the celebration of the Centenary of Voltaire, and 150 francs as its contribution for the years 1878, 1879, and 1880, to the Masonic General Orphanage at Paris.

It will be seen from our advertisement columns, that in order to give every facility to Mark Masons to be present at the Moveable Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons which will be held at Keswick on Friday next, the 14th inst., the following arrangements have been made with the London and North Western Railway Company, by which brethren will be conveyed from London to Keswick and back in first Class Saloon Carriages on the following terms:—for fifty and upwards, at the rate of 53s 4d each; for twenty-five and under fifty, at the rate of 64s. The train will leave Euston Station at 10 a.m., on Thursday the 13th June, and return from Keswick on Tuesday, the 18th June. Brethren who propose to avail themselves of these terms, are requested to inform the Grand Secretary at his offices, 2 Red Lion-square W.C., not later than Tuesday next, the 11th inst., in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

The installation meeting of the Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742, was held at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Thursday last. Bro. Charles D. Hume, P.M. Etonian Lodge, was duly installed by the outgoing Master, Bro. R. Roberts. Full report in our next.

The new and commodious Head Quarters of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, in Southwark Bridge Road, were opened on Saturday last by Sir Jas. M'Garel Hogg, M.P., Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works. The building, which was formerly known as Winchester House, forms the largest Fire Brigade Station in the world. The freehold has cost £38,000, and the establishment £32,000, but the Board of Works will be recouped to the extent of close upon £20,000. The premises include a spacious engine station, stables, smithy, several fine outbuildings, a courtyard, and apartments for Captain Shaw in the front portion of the old House. Watling Street Station, the old head quarters of the Brigade, will not be closed, and, indeed, it was said by Mr. Edwards, Chairman of the Fire Brigade of the Board of Works, that the city will be better protected than ever under the new arrangements. At present twenty-eight married, and twenty-six single men are accommodated in the station. Both Sir J. Hogg, and Mr. Edwards bore testimony to the ability and energy of Captain Shaw, and it is only just to add that Bros. Hook and Oldrey, builders, of Westbourne Park, who were entrusted with the arrangement of the premises, have done their work admirably.

We read in the *Masonic Jewel* for last month that the Sixteenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee was held at the Masonic Hall, Nashville, on the 3rd and 4th May, under the auspices of Nashville Commandery, No. 1, the members of which had made the most extensive preparations for the reception of the visiting Commanderies. The following are the principal Grand Officers elected for the ensuing year, namely, Sir Knights Wilbur F. Foster Grand Commander, G. C. Connor Dep. Grand Commander, Joseph H. Fussell Grand Generalissimo, Rev. T. J. Duncan Grand Prelate, Will. D. Robinson Grand Capt. General, Benjamin F. Haller Grand Senior Warden, Will. P. Robertson Grand Junior Warden, N. S. Woodward Grand Treasurer, Morton B. Howell Grand Recorder, Geo. W. Albers Grand Std. Bearer, and Harry Wilcox, Grand Sword Bearer. The prize for competitive drill, offered by Nashville Commandery, No. 1, was awarded to St. Elmo Commandery, No. 15, Memphis. It consisted of a beautiful gold medallion, with appropriate emblems embossed on it, and the presentation took place in the dining-room of Maxwell House, in the presence of a large concourse of ladies and Knights Templar. The next Annual Conclave is fixed for the second Thursday in May 1879, at Pulaski.

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The Election will be by Ballot, of the Governors and other Members of the General Committee, to commence at 2 o'clock p.m., and close at 5 o'clock p.m. precisely.

CANDIDATES must have passed the Third Degree for a period of Three Years, to be verified by the CERTIFICATE of the GRAND SECRETARY, and not exceed Forty Years of Age.

APPLICATIONS and TESTIMONIALS, addressed to the Chairman of the House Committee, are to be delivered at the Office of the Secretary of the Institution by 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 12th day of June, and Candidates are required to be in attendance on the day following at 4 o'clock p.m. precisely.

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Hon. Secretary,
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MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—

I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a candidate for the post of Secretary to your valuable Institution, rendered vacant by the lamented death of our esteemed Brother R. WESTWORTH LITTLE.

I have been a Freemason upwards of Nine years, during which time I have taken a very active interest in the Order—I am a P.M., and have been for some time past, Secretary of my Lodge, and Scribe E. of my Chapter.

I am now the Secretary of an Orphan Asylum, a position which I have held nearly four years, and am therefore thoroughly acquainted with the practical working of a Public Institution.

I am thirty-three years of age, and in good health, and previous to receiving my present appointment, I was engaged in business with a Marine Insurance Broker at Lloyds.

Soliciting the favour of your kind interest and support,

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies and Brethren,

Yours obediently and fraternally,

WILLIAM WORRELL,
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July 1878.

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BRETHREN,—I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for the office of Secretary, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Little. Should you do me the honour to elect me, I can only say that I will endeavour to fill the office efficiently, and I hope that the manner in which I have discharged my various duties in Masonry will be considered a sufficient qualification.

W. SMALLPEICE, Assoc. Inst. C.E.

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ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

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MY LORDS, LADIES AND BRETHREN,—

I desire to tender my sincere thanks to the numerous brethren who have so kindly assisted me in my canvass for the personal support that will necessarily be required at the forthcoming election of Secretary to the above Institution.

I further beg those Life Governors whose votes and interest are yet unpledged to give me their personal support at the election. Every communication to this effect will be thankfully received.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies, and Brethren,

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The Right Hon. LORD SKELMERSDALE, Grand Master Elect.

A MOVEABLE GRAND LODGE will be held under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland, at the COURT HOUSE, KESWICK, on FRIDAY, the 14th of JUNE next. Grand Lodge will be opened at One o'clock, *precisely*.

BUSINESS.

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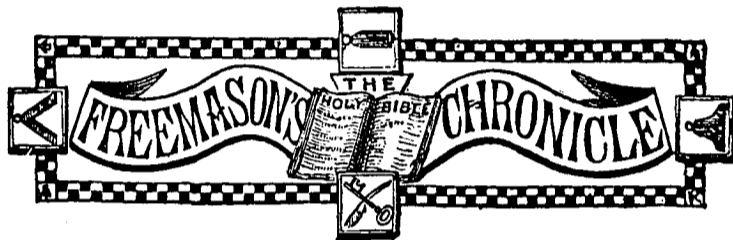
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67 BARBICAN, E.C.

OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE House of Lords did not sit on Thursday last, nor did its session the day following occupy half an hour, as a question about the loss of the German ironclad *Grosser Kurfurst*, which was answered by Lord Elphinstone, and one by Lord Granville, whether the Government had taken any steps towards recognising the political services of the late Earl Russell, to which the Premier gave a reply in the affirmative, together with the second reading of the Telegraphs Bill, were the only matters which deserve notice. On Monday, the Marquis of Salisbury had the satisfaction of being able to announce that the Government had that day received an invitation from Count Munster, the German Ambassador, in which, in the name of the Emperor William, he invited England to a Congress at Berlin for the purpose of discussing with the other signatory Powers to the treaties of 1856 and 1871, the stipulations of the preliminary Treaty of San Stefano between Russia and Turkey. His Lordship stated, that in reply he had accepted the invitation on the part of the Cabinet on the understanding that the invitation to the other signatories had been couched in the same terms, and that in accepting it they were prepared to assent to the terms stated in his Excellency's note. This announcement was received with cheers, and Earl Granville congratulated the Government on the success thus far of their policy; but on the question whether the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister were to be Her Majesty's representatives to the Congress being answered in the affirmative, the noble Earl expressed some dissatisfaction with the appointments which, he said, were without precedent, and because it was unnecessary and likewise very undesirable that the two principal members of the Ministry should be absent together, especially if questions should arise on which it might be found expedient to consult the rest of the Cabinet. The Earl of Beaconsfield fully admitted that the case was unprecedented, but he said it was necessary at times to create precedents, and he further argued that so far from the absence of the two ministers named lessening the importance of the other members of the Cabinet, it would give them greater prominence than ever. The noble Earl concluded by saying that the appointments had been deemed the best that could be made, and pointed out that the Government were fully sensible of the responsibility they incurred and were prepared to meet it. The

conversation was continued a little longer, after which, in reply to Earl Granville, the Marquis of Salisbury said that the condition of the Emperor William, whose life had been attempted the day previous was satisfactory, and he expressed a hope that His Imperial Majesty would speedily be restored to perfect health. A question about the raising of the *Eurydice* having been answered their Lordships shortly afterwards adjourned. On Tuesday, the *Eurydice* was the subject of a further question, after which the House went into Committee on the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill, the several clauses of which were, after some discussion, agreed to, and the Bill was ordered to be reported.

The House of Commons had a very protracted sitting on Thursday, and an unseemly squabble for some time prevented the House from resolving itself into Committee of Supply on the Civil Service Estimates, but when it did so a considerable number of votes was agreed to, but in some cases not without a division. On resuming, the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) and the Exchequer Bonds (No. 2) Bill passed through Committee, and the House went into Committee on the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday (Ireland) Bill, and after a long and desultory and sometimes heated conversation, its opponents agreed to its passing through Committee on the understanding that the discussion on the remaining new clauses should be taken on the report. On Friday, after the usual questions had been disposed of, the O'Connor Don rose to call attention to the subject of Irish University Education, and to move a resolution declaring its condition to be unsatisfactory and in need of the immediate attention of Parliament. Mr. Lowe followed with a speech, and then the discussion was interrupted by Sir G. Bowyer rising to order, and having stated that Mr. Wykeham Martin was at the moment lying dead in the library of the House, he moved that they should at once adjourn. Other members, including the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Marquis of Hartington, having expressed their deep regret at the death of the hon. member, and also their acquiescence in the motion, the House rose at ten minutes to six. On Monday, Mr. Hanbury gave notice of his intention to bring under the notice of the House certain language contained in an article in the *Nineteenth Century* on the employment of Indian troops, which purports to have been written by a Privy Councillor of Her Majesty and a former First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. Gladstone), and to move a resolution declaring such language is to be condemned as inopportune and calculated to promote sedition in Her Majesty's Indian Empire. After the Chancellor of the Exchequer had made a similar announcement about the Congress to that made in the House of Lords by the Marquis of Salisbury, and when the telegrams as to the condition of the Emperor of Germany's health had been read by Mr. Bourke, and when the Chancellor of the Exchequer had explained what the Government had done in order to show due respect to the late Earl Russell, the adjourned debate on the O'Connor Don's motion on Irish University education was resumed, but, on a division, it was lost by 200 to 67. The Report on Supply was then brought up and agreed to, and the rest of the business having been disposed of, the House rose. At the morning sitting on Tuesday Mr. Chaplin's motion, that the House at its rising should stand adjourned over Wednesday, the Derby day, till Thursday, was agreed to by 225 to 95. The House then went into Committee on the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Bill, resuming at Clause 12 and agreeing to clauses up to 23 inclusive, when, by the rules of the House, the debate on Clause 24 was adjourned. On resuming at nine o'clock, a motion by Lord R. Churchill on the Endowed Schools of Ireland was discussed, and in the end withdrawn on the understanding that the Government would give the subject their consideration. Shortly after this the House was counted out.

The Queen received with the profoundest grief the sad intelligence of a second and almost successful attempt to assassinate the Emperor of Germany. On the arrival of the news their Imperial Highnesses the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany, who were on a visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury, at Hatfield, left immediately for London, and started from the Charing Cross Station *en route* for Berlin. The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Prince and Princess Christian, the Princess Louise, and the Duke of Connaught were at the station to take leave of their Imperial Highnesses. Their Imperial Highnesses' children left on Saturday afternoon for Eastbourne,

where it is expected they will remain for some time, in order to enjoy the benefit of the sea air. On Monday, by Her Majesty's command, the Prince of Wales held a Levée at St. James's Palace, at which the Duke of Connaught, the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian, the Duke of Teck, Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, &c., were present. The Hon. Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, under Captain the Earl of Coventry, and the Yeomen of the Guards, under Captain Lord Skelmersdale, were on duty. A large number of presentations was made, these by the Queen's pleasure being deemed equivalent to presentations to Her Majesty. The Duke of Cambridge, the Princess Mary, Duchess and the Duke of Teck dined with the Earl of Beaconsfield on Tuesday evening.

Death has been playing havoc among our public men within the last few days. We have already stated that on Friday last Mr. Wykeham Martin who for the last twenty years had sat in the House of Commons as one of the members for Rochester died suddenly within the precincts of the House of Commons. Mr. Martin was only in his forty-sixth year, and his death is very greatly lamented by his fellow members. The Right Honourable Russell Gurney, who not very long since resigned the Recorder-ship of the City of London, has also died after an illness of only a few days. Mr. Gurney was born in 1804 and had played a distinguished part in connection with the settlement of the Alabama difference between this country and the United States. The remains of the Duchess of Argyll have been removed from Westminster Abbey, where they had lain temporarily, for the north, where they were buried in the family vault on Wednesday, while on Tuesday all that was mortal of the late Earl Russell K.G. and twice Prime Minister of Great Britain, was buried in the family vault of the Russell family at Chenies, the principal mourners being the grandson of the deceased Earl, a youth of twelve who succeeds to the title, and the Hon. Rollo Russell, the surviving son of the Earl. The Duke of Bedford and other members of the family were also present.

We had scarcely had time to congratulate ourselves on the escape of the Emperor of Germany from the assassin's hand, when the news was flashed along the telegraph wires that, on Sunday afternoon, when taking his usual drive, his Imperial Majesty's life was again attempted, and, on this occasion, the would-be murderer almost succeeded in his purpose, as the aged and respected Emperor was wounded by some thirty pellets in the cheek, and on the arm, wrist, back, and breast. The chasseur in attendance at once sprang down, and entered the carriage for the purpose of supporting His Majesty, while the passers-by quickly forced an entrance into the house whence the shots had been fired, and succeeded in capturing the murderer, who proved to be a Dr. Nobiling, though not without resistance, and not till he had wounded himself, it is believed, fatally. The wounded sovereign was driven back to the palace and conveyed to bed, when the physicians having examined and tended his wounds, declared that there were at the time no dangerous symptoms, and favourable reports have been received since of His Majesty's progress towards recovery. The Crown Prince and Princess have returned to Berlin and are in attendance on His Majesty. There seems to be little doubt that the foul deed is the result of a Socialist conspiracy, and equally beyond doubt is it that the attempt has caused almost universal consternation throughout Europe, while the telegrams from other capitals, and from all parts of Germany, testify to the great respect in which the monarch is held. Let us hope that the G.A.O.T.U. may, in His wisdom, see fit to restore the Emperor to health.

The political news in connection with the Eastern Question is of a most hopeful character. It is now settled that the Congress shall meet on Thursday, the 13th inst., at Berlin, and to-day (Saturday) we understand the Earl of Beaconsfield, who will be one of the British Plenipotentiaries, will leave London on his way to the German capital. Prince Bismarck will be one of the German, and Count Schouvaloff one of the Russian representatives, while France, Italy, and Austria will be represented in part by M. Waddington, Count Costi, and Count Andrassy respectively. In the meantime, there is no relaxation on the part of our Government, whose efforts to be prepared for war are continued, and among those matters which are worthy of note must be mentioned the safe arrival of the Indian Contingent at Malta, where, at an early date, they will be reviewed by the Duke of Cambridge, accompanied, it is said, by the Prince of Wales.

We have to thank Bro. E. M. Haigh for a copy of his very beautiful photograph of the picture by Mr. C. G. Rosenberg, of New York, entitled "Freemasonry and Civilization." The original, which may be seen at Freemasons' Tavern, is described as "An Allegorical Illustration of the Rise of the Orders of Architecture," and those who are sufficiently acquainted with our lectures will be able, all the more on that account, to appreciate its beauties. The idea which connects Freemasonry with Civilization in the progress of mankind from the darkness of chaos and ignorance to the light begotten of knowledge and well-ordered institutions, is not only a wise but a just conception, and the artist's success in the execution of the idea is worthy of all praise. A pamphlet which has been published, with a view to explaining the design of the picture in all its details, fully illustrates the plan, and should be read by all who wish to interpret it aright. Here it will suffice if we note the leading points in this description. The general idea is that the progress of man is due to the joint and beneficent influence of Freemasonry and Civilization, and the Chaplain's jewel which the former carries in her right hand is typical of the religious basis on which this influence rests. These two figures, which occupy the centre of the picture, and are very beautifully drawn, are preceded and followed by other figures, arranged in two groups. That in front, and, as it were, upholding Freemasonry and her companion, consists of the Virtues, Charity, Hope, Faith, Justice, Mercy, Fortitude, &c., each of which may be distinguished by its special emblem, or in some special manner. Thus Charity is carrying a cruse of oil, some ears of corn, and some grapes. Faith is looking upwards, *duplices tendens ad sidera palmas*, in firm reliance on the wisdom and goodness of the Great Architect, while Hope has linked herself to Faith. Following Freemasonry is a group of three, which are intended to represent the Masonic principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. These two explain and are illustrative of the basis on which Freemasonry and Civilization rely for the influence they exercise over the human race. But as to the Rise of the Orders of Architecture, our readers will be naturally anxious to learn how this idea is carried out, and how it is associated with the progress we owe to Civilization. A glance at the picture will show this; a closer examination of its details will make it most apparent, even to the outside world. We will remark in the first place that we modern Freemasons claim with reason to be connected with the Architects of old, who were the repositories of artistic and scientific knowledge. The development of architectural beauty through the ages may be taken as illustrating very fully the development of human progress, and, as a consequence, our Freemasonry—which is legitimately descended from Architecture—and Civilization—which is merely another term for the progress in science and art of the human race—are here regarded as co-existent and co-ordinate. Thus the progress in the art of building, from the rude hut and the Cyclopean cave of primitive man to the less rude gabled building, the building into which the Arch is for the first time introduced, the more ambitious Stonehenge, and then through the better known forms or orders of architecture—such as the Tuscan, the Doric indicated by the Acropolis at Athens, and the Ionic by the celebrated Temple of Diana at Ephesus, the Corinthian, which is represented in the foreground, where Callimachus is engaged in sketching the Acanthus overshadowing the box of toys, and the Composite to the left—this progress is contemporary with, and indeed, emblematic of the advancement man has made from ignorance to knowledge; and thus it is, we repeat, that the association of Freemasonry and Civilization is fully justified. Other details there are, such as the quiet English homestead, with the fields of corn fronting it, which are emblematic of Peace and Prosperity, the line of railway showing our progress in the Practical Arts, the shipping in the distance and behind St. Paul's, representing Trade and Commerce, and St. Paul's itself which, as the work of Wren, forms the link which unites modern Freemasonry and ancient Architecture. All these are part and parcel of the general scope of the picture, while as to the Masonic emblems which are introduced in various places, there is no necessity in addressing a Masonic constituency for us to state more than that, wherever they appear, they will be found most appropriate. We will add that Mr. Rosenberg and Bro. Haigh are both entitled to the thanks of the Craft, the former for the ability with which he has carried out the design of the picture, and the latter for the great beauty and finish of his photographic reproductions.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 8th JUNE.

- 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
- Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
- 869—Gresham, Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park.
- 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
- 1637—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton.

TUESDAY, 11th JUNE.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
- 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
- 141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 167—St. John, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
- 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
- 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
- 880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
- 1446—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jernyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
- 1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Flect-street, E.C.
- 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
- 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.
- R. C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
- 51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
- 93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
- 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.
- 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
- 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
- 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
- 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
- 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
- 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
- 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup.
- 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
- 1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
- 1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks.
- 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
- 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.
- 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

WEDNESDAY, 12th JUNE.

- Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
- 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
- 201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
- 538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
- 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Flect-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1186—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
- 1260—Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
- 1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. John's Wood.
- 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
- 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
- 1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
- R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
- R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- R. C.—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
- 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart, Hythe, Kent.
- 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
- 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
- 225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
- 231—Fortitude, Atheneum, Lancaster.
- 433—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
- 666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
- 795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.
- 851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
- 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
- 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
- 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
- 1243—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
- 1342—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.
- 1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
- 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chulham.
- 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
- 1593—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
- 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
- 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.
- 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
- 1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes.
- R. A. 499—Stortford, Chequer's Inn, Bishop's Stortford.

THURSDAY, 13th JUNE.

- Provincial Grand Lodge, Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, Shire Hall, Huntingdon, at 12.
- 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., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 657—Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
- 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.)
- 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
- R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
- R. C.—St. George, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
- 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
- 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
- 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
- 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
- 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
- 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
- 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
- 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
- 794—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
- 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
- 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.
- 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
- 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.

- 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
- 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
- 1204—Royd's, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
- 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
- 1343—St. John, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.
- 1369—Bala, Plasgroch Hotel, Bala.
- 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
- 1420—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.

FRIDAY, 14th JUNE.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
- 834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
- 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Flect-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Flect-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
- 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
- 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
- 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
- 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
- 697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
- 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
- 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
- 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.

SATURDAY, 15th JUNE.

- 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
- Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
- 615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

- 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY.

- 61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
- 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
- 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
- 403—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
- 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
- 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
- R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

TUESDAY.

- 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
- 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
- 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.
- 1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
- 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
- R. A. 265—Juden, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
- R. A. 299—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

- 259—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
- 330—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.
- 337—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
- 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.
- 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
- 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

THURSDAY.

- 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
- 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
- 275—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
- 337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.

FRIDAY.

- 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
- 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
- 632—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
- 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
- 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.

SATURDAY.

- 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

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

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, 3rd inst. Present—Bros. Stock W.M., J. Millington S.W., Hallam J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Robson S.D., W. Rowley J.D., W. Jolley I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Percy, Baldry, Alford, Willison, Stiles, Marston, Gobby, G. Cook. All formalities having been complied with, the ceremony of initiation was worked by the W.M., Bro. Baldry being the candidate. The W.M. worked the first, Bro. Percy the second, Bro. Isaac the fourth, Bro. Tolmie the fifth sections, assisted by the brethren. Bros. C. E. Gobby, of Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1599, and W. M. Stiles of the Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, were elected members. Bro. J. Millington was appointed W.M. for the ensuing fortnight. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.—A regular meeting was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street. Present—Bros. Miller W.M., M. Spiegel S.W., Hyman J.W., Baker S.D., Benjamin J.D., Wymann as I.G., L. Anerhaan Treasurer, Albert P.M. Secretary, L. Lazarus I.P.M., Abraham P.M., Dodson P.M.; Bean, Martin, Rybold, Botibol, &c. After the usual formal business, Bro. Burrows was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. At the request of the W.M. of 917, and at the recommendation of Bro. H. M. Levy P.M., Bro. Goldstein, of 917, was passed to the second degree. At the close of the ceremonies several petitioners were handsomely relieved by the Lodge, after which the brethren partook of light refreshment. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P., as usual, responded for the Grand Officers. Bro. Bean acknowledged the good wishes expressed for the Joppa Benevolent Fund, which he stated was in a most prosperous condition. Bro. Albert proposed the health of the W.M., who briefly responded. For the Visitors, Bro. Batchelor of 153, Gibraltar, and Bro. Goldstein replied. The health of the Wardens and Officers was not omitted, and then the final toast was given. The Visitors were Bros. Hunt 1641, I. Botibol 1231, S. Rowley 1602, H. E. Batchelor 153, Gibraltar, M. E. Goldstein 917, and Bro. Hamilton, a late member of this Lodge.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Met on Wednesday, the 5th instant, at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C. Bro. Walker having opened the Lodge, vacated the chair in favour of Bro. David Posener, who had expressed a wish to practise one of the degrees. There were also present Bros. Bush S.W., Harris J.W., Gottheil P.M., J. K. Pitt Sec., Alex. Posener S.D., Biddle J.D., Moss I.G., Wharman, &c. Bro. Posener's rehearsal of the first ceremony was characterised by an evidently strong desire to render it impressive, in which he succeeded to some extent. It requires intelligence and some amount of elocutionary power to give due prominence to the various interesting and important points of the beautiful Ritual, and he who does not possess the natural gift, may still accomplish a great deal by industry and perseverance. We would, therefore, advise Bro. Posener not to slacken his efforts, but to continue his endeavours; for he being a Past Master, his example is sure to be followed by the younger brethren. The rest of the Officers did their work well, Bro. Moss I.G. deserving especial mention. That brother has not yet attained the rank of M.M., yet he is able to do his duties in a manner rarely seen in a regular Lodge, and has already acquired a knowledge of some of the sectional responses, which he gives with care and intelligence. After the ceremony three of the sections were worked. Bro. Bush was elected W.M. for next Wednesday.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday last. Present—Bros. Gibbs W.M., Brasted S.W., J. Millington J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner acting Sec., Hallam sen. S.D., Western J.D., C. Lorkin I.G.; also Bros. Moss, Crosbie, Brand, Cuthbert, Elliston, J. Lorkin, Hallam jun., Willison, McDowell, Slaughter, Roberts, Mowbray, Hyland, Fysh, &c. Lodge being opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was very ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Brand acting as candidate. Bro. Percy worked the first four sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Brasted was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week; after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Chapter of Friendship, No. 241.—The Companions of this Chapter assembled at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on the 27th ultimo. Present—Comps. T. K. Hughes P.Z. as M.E.Z., Jas. Winsor H., A. Samuels as J., J. W. Turley P.Z. as S.E., Chapman as P.S., Thos. Salter as A.S., Davies as A.S., Peter Ball Janitor; and Comps. Henochsberg, Salter, Buchanan, Pugmire, Williams, Whitehead, Johnson, Stoddart, Rotherton, and S. M. Davies as Visitor. The Companions anticipated some work, but from some unforeseen circumstance they were disappointed. It is to be sincerely hoped that the absence of the officers from their posts on this occasion is the exception and not the rule in this Chapter. It may be taken for granted that those Companions who are anxious to improve their time and talents, and who deem punctuality to the duties of our supreme degree a striking illustration of an adherence to an important principle, will seek those rights where they can be found. The Chapter was closed until October, and the Companions were invited to supper by M.E. Comp. Turley. The usual toasts customary on such occasions were given from the chair, and responded to. The Companions spent a couple of hours agreeably, Comps. Henochsberg and Pugmire conducting greatly to their enjoyment.

Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304.—At the regular meeting of the above Lodge, on Wednesday the 29th May, an interesting presentation took place. It had been the pleasure and privilege of the brethren of the Philanthropic Lodge to contribute to the happiness of their brethren of the 17th Lancers (which regiment is now staying in Leeds) Lodge, by granting them the use of their rooms for the purposes of their meetings. In recognition of this favour, the brethren of the Military Lodge have testified their regard by presenting to the Philanthropic Lodge three handsome ebony mauls, for the use of the W.M., S.W. and J.W. Each maul or gavel is inlaid on the front with a silver plate, which bears the following inscription:—"From the 17th Lancers Lodge, 218, Irish Constitution, to the Philanthropic Lodge, 304, English Constitution, in token of their appreciation of the fraternal reception accorded to them in Leeds. May 1878." In handing the present to the W.M. of the Philanthropic Lodge, Bro. Williams, W.M. of the 17th Lancers Lodge (who was accompanied by Bro. Brown I.P.M. and Bro. Abbot P.M.), said he begged to express the sentiments of the brethren of his Lodge, and say how highly they valued the many kindnesses that had been shown them by

their brethren in Leeds. The reception accorded them was far greater than they as strangers could have expected; still, it proved that in the Philanthropic Lodge, and in Leeds generally, the true spirit of Freemasonry flourished in a great degree. (Applause.) In concluding, in the name of his brethren he begged the acceptance by the Philanthropic Lodge of that small token of their esteem, and he hoped that as the mauls passed into other hands, from year to year, they might carry with them pleasant memories of their meetings together. One thing was certain, that in the 17th Lancers Lodge, the Philanthropic, 304, would long live in their memories. Bro. Taylor, W.M. 304, suitably acknowledged the unexpected present, and in the name of his Lodge accepted it, at the same time remarking that the brethren of the 17th Lancers Lodge had endeared themselves to the Craft in Leeds by their ability in working the ceremonies (which had been done in a most efficient manner), and by their geniality and courtesy. He bade them a hearty welcome on all occasions of their meeting, and if when they left Leeds (which he hoped would be some time first) they ever came near the town, he hoped they would endeavour to give them a visit. In concluding, he hoped the brethren of the Philanthropic Lodge would ever be ready to extend the right hand of fellowship to all Military brethren who might be staying in or passing through Leeds. He heartily tendered the 17th Lancers Lodge his hearty good wishes.

Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on the 5th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The W.M. Bro. R. L. Armstrong was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. J. Page S.W., R. G. Salmon J.W., G. W. Lax Sec., S. M. Harris S.D., G. Dumford J.D., J. S. B. Bell I.G., E. Clark and Macdonell Stewards, G. Simms Tyler. The Past Masters present were—Bros. W. Munday, W. S. Hughes, T. J. Armstrong, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed. One candidate was initiated by the W.M. in a most impressive manner, and as this was the first work the new Master had the opportunity of doing, it bids fair for the ensuing year. No other business offering, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Some capital harmony enlivened the evening. The Visitors were Bros. Jos. Cook P.M. P.P.S.G.W., G. I. Dean W.M. 541, W.M. Bell S.W. 1557, J. H. Bernstone 1118, S. Falk, Cape of Good Hope, &c.

Derby Lodge, No. 724.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult. Present—Bros. Asher Hart W.M., Beeker I.P.M., R. Crispe S.W., H. Trevitt J.W., Chesworth P.M. Treas., M. Hart P.M. Sec., P. Armstrong S.D., Gadd as J.D., Ellis Org., Gordon I.G., Pendleton Steward. Past Masters Bros. Ballard and Vaughan. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. After the customary routine business, the W.M. passed Bro. Croudace to the second degree, and raised Bros. Walls and Noble to the third, in a manner which clearly proves that he has studied his work thoroughly during his short term of office. It is pleasing to note that 724 is progressing favourably, and from all accounts, will become a powerful aid to the province and the Craft generally. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the sum of £10 10s be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, from the funds of the Lodge, for the purpose of endowing the Lodge as Life Subscriber. The Lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when they spent a pleasant hour.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on 31st May, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, at half-past 7 p.m. Present:—Bros. Costelow W.M., Gunner Hon. Sec. S.W., Blasby J.W., Acworth S.D., Goss J.D., Talbot I.G.; J. C. Roe P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Kyezor, White, &c. Lodge opened; the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; the W.M. ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Kyezor candidate; and the brethren were called to refreshment. Upon the resumption of labour, Bro. White was admitted a member. Bros. Blasby (late Hon. Sec.), and Gunner (Hon. Sec.) were elected honorary members, a high compliment being paid those brethren, for which they respectfully tendered their thanks. The resignation of a member tendered last meeting was withdrawn, and Lodge having been opened up to the sublime degree, and closed down, the meeting was adjourned.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, the Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Forss W.M., Carr S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., C. Lorkin S.D., Gilham J.D., Wardell I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Slaughter, Bonner, M. Christian, Milner, Bessell, Boror, Wynman, Weige and others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes read, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Polak as candidate. Bro. Dallas worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren, the Preceptor worked the fourth section. Bro. Brasted giving the answers in a masterly style. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M., for his able working. Bro. Carr will preside at the next meeting.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—At the weekly meeting held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street, Bro. Bull in the chair, Bros. Abell S.W., J. S. Brown J.W., Marston S.D., Kidder J.D., Thompson I.G., Long Preceptor, and many others. After the opening of the Lodge and the confirmation of the minutes, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very able manner, and four sections of the first

degree were worked by the brethren. As the Fifteen Sections are worked here next Wednesday by Bro. Tate, the S.W. Bro. Abell, was elected W.M. for the Wednesday following. It being the first time Bro. Bull had presided in this Lodge, an unanimous vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the great ability he had evinced, and the Lodge was closed. The following are the names of those who will work the Sections on Wednesday next. Bro. R. P. Tate J.D. 862, in the chair, Stacey P.M. 180, S.W., Marston P.M. 1599, J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Bull, Webb, Abell, S. Rowley, Long, Stacey, Thompson. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Daniel, Larchin, Hallam, Gush, J. S. Brown. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Vincent, Fox, and Marston.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—This renowned and prosperous Lodge held its usual meeting at Bro. Clayton's, the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, at 8 o'clock on Friday evening, the 31st ult. Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. of the Israel Lodge, occupied the chair. Bros. Francis S.W., McDonald J.W. and a large number of brethren being present. The ceremony of initiation was worked in the most impressive manner by the W.M., and the sections of the degree by Bro. Webb, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Musto, Secretary rose and called the attention of the brethren to the fact of the Lodge being without a Preceptor in consequence of the death of the late lamented Thomas Austin, and that it was necessary for its welfare that it should have some one to look up to as an authority, he therefore had much pleasure in proposing that Bro. Cundick should be Preceptor of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Ellis seconded the motion, and said he hoped Bro. Cundick would accept the office, as he (Bro. Ellis) was sure, that from the kind and temperate manner in which Bro. Cundick communicated Masonic instruction, they would find him a fitting successor to the late Thomas Austin. The motion was unanimously carried with truly Masonic acclamation. Bro. Cundick, in returning thanks, expressed his deep regret at the loss of Bro. Austin, and said that he considered himself flattered by the honour conferred upon him; he would endeavour to the best of his ability to fill the late brother's place with the same amount of care and attention as he had done. He always felt it his duty to impart Masonic knowledge to those who were in search of the same, and hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would spare them for many years to benefit by each other's teachings. Bro. Francis was elected as W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned until Friday, the 7th inst.

Rose of Denmark Chapter, No. 975.—A Convocation of this Chapter was held on Saturday last, 1st instant, at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. There were present Comps. Henry Martin M.E.Z., Joseph Pecke Richards H., John Green J., H. G. Buss P.Z. Treasurer, Wm. Dodd P.Z. Scribe E., G. Pitt-Lewis Scribe N., J. Walker P.S., J. Warner Assist. Soj.; P.Z.'s John Newton, James Terry, A. A. Pendlebury, &c. Visitors—Comps. W. T. Howe, Atkins, F. Brown, Morgan, &c. The Chapter was formally opened, and the minutes of last Convocation were read and confirmed. Bro. Edward Barlow P.M. Kent Lodge, who had been balloted for at a previous Convocation, and Bro. Alfred W. Wells, J.D. Lodge 299, Dartford, for whom the ballot was successfully taken at this meeting, were then exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the M.E.Z. and his Principals performing their work in a most impressive manner. The Chapter was then closed, and the members repaired to Comp. Stanbury's new Banqueting Hall, where a capital repast was served. At its conclusion, the M.E.Z. briefly introduced the toasts. To Comp. J. Newton was entrusted that of the health of the M.E.Z., which he offered to the assembled guests in most felicitous terms, complimenting Comp. Martin on the excellent way in which he had conducted the proceedings of the day. This toast was gracefully replied to, and the M.E.Z. next gave the health of the Visitors, Comps. Howe and C. Atkins acknowledging the compliment. The toast of the P.Z.'s followed, and full honour was paid this august body; then the M.E.Z. summoned the Janitor, who gave the final toast.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 31st ult. Bros. Peall W.M., Smith S.W., Cronch J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Hines S.D., Bolton J.D., Stroud I.G.; also Bros. Richmond, Sargeant, Pearcy, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in a very correct manner, Bro. Richmond acting as candidate. Bro. Peall vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Smith. Bro. Bolton answered the usual questions. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by Bro. Smith. On the resumption of the Lodge, Bro. Fenner worked the first and second sections, assisted by the brethren; also the third, assisted by Bro. Townsend. Bro. Cronch was appointed W.M. for next meeting.

Finsbury Park Master Masons Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—Held at Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Friday, 31st May. Bros. Parslow W.M., Walker S.W., Press J.W., Payne S.D., Dunn J.D., Greenfield I.G.; L. R. Rogers P.M. Preceptor, H. B. D. Dunn Secretary; Frampton, Cox, J. Pigot P.M., T. Parslow, Edmunds, Thompson, I. Greenwood, W. D. Bayley, E. Jackson 1018, T. Bell 795. Lodge opened in ancient form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Edmunds being candidate. Bro. Thompson, a candidate for the second degree, was examined. The Lodge was then opened in the second, and the W.M. worked the ceremony of passing. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. H. B. D. Dunn worked the fourth section of the lecture. A vote of thanks was recorded to the W.M. Bro. P.M. Walker was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Hamer Lodge, No. 1393.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday, the 24th ult. Present—Bros. Thomas Sammons W.M., J. McCarthy I.P.M., Thos. Large S.W., Robert Leason J.W., W. C. Irwin Sec., J. Pilling J.D., R. H. Evans P.M. D.C., W. H. Jewitt as I.G., G. B. Tenison and M. Callaghan Stewards, Ball Tyler. Past Masters Bros. H. Jackson Prov. G.A.D.C., Jones, Hondding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and declared correct, after which the W.M. worked the Lodge to the second, and passed Bro. Atherton to the F.C. degree. There was some discussion with reference to changing the night of meeting, but from all appearance, the Lodge cannot do better than meet on the fourth Friday. The Hamer Lodge should certainly take a foremost rank with the Lodges of Liverpool; should be as popular, strong in numbers and talent, and progressive and harmonious as any Lodge in existence. This conclusion is adduced from an acquaintance with the Masonic virtues of W. Bro. Sammons, the present W.M., whose zeal for the welfare of the Lodge, and love for the Craft, would preclude every idea of his supporting or even tolerating any thing contrary to the principles of the glorious Order he has learnt to love, and which in him has so worthy a representative. It was regretted that so few members were present on such an important occasion as the election of W. Master for the ensuing year. After the ballot was taken, the W.M. declared that Bro. Thos. Large S.W. was elected W. Master of the Hamer Lodge for the next year. It was proposed, seconded and carried, that Bro. R. H. Evans P.M. be the Treasurer of the Lodge for the same term. It was proposed by Bro. J. McCarthy, and seconded by Bro. Jones, and supported by Bro. Large, that a sum of £10 10s be devoted from the funds of the Lodge for the purchase of a Past Master's jewel, carried unanimously. There being no father business before the Lodge, the brethren proceeded to refreshment. On the W.M. rising to propose the first toast, he said, the toast he had the honour of giving was always drunk most loyally by Englishmen in every clime, and especially among Freemasons, but to-day being the birthday of our gracious Queen, the toast would be received with more than ordinary enthusiasm. The brethren responded to the remarks of the W.M. in a right loyal manner, all singing God save the Queen. After the toast of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, and our Masonic rulers, supreme and subordinate, had been given and heartily drunk, Bro. Evans rose to propose the health of the Master; in doing so he eulogised the virtues of the W.M., virtues which were so justly esteemed among good Masons. He referred to the devotion of Bro. Sammons for the Craft, and the good he had done for the Lodge, and the Lodge of Instruction. In the name of the Lodge he tendered him his sincere thanks for his invaluable services, and expressed the hope that Bro. Sammons might long be spared to come among them. The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, and musical honours. Bro. Irwin favoured the brethren with a song. The W.M. on rising to respond said:—Brethren, I can only return you my sincere thanks for the very complimentary manner in which my health has been proposed, and the cordial way in which it has been received, on my retiring from the chair. When you did me the honour of electing me your W.M., I resolved to endeavour to follow in the footsteps of those who had occupied the chair so satisfactorily. By your expressions to-night, I am glad to know that I have succeeded in doing so. It was at one time stated by some, without proper consideration, that the Past Masters of this Lodge would drop off; such a statement has proved to be an unfounded rumour. No Lodge has ever been better supported by its Past Masters; I have received every aid during my term of office from the P.M.'s, who from their experience are so capable of rendering valuable assistance in the conduct of the Lodge. I cannot sit down without giving you the toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge, and I am sure I need not add a word of commendation to ensure its hearty reception. Bro. Large kindly responded to the call for a song. Bro. Jones, as the Senior P.M., availed himself of the pleasure of responding to the toast just given by the worthy W.M. He expressed his conviction that the P.M.'s had done their duty well, and he expressed himself as ready to render the same aid in the future. He felt sure he was uttering the sentiments of his Brother Past Masters that such was their feeling. He had no hesitation in believing that the W.M. elect would follow in the footsteps of his worthy predecessor, and he augured prosperity for the Lodge. He thanked the W.M. for proposing the toast, and the brethren for warmly receiving the same. Bros. Evans and Jackson followed, to the same purport. Bro. Leason gave the next toast, and proposed the health of the W.M. elect. No one rejoiced more than he did at the accession of Bro. Large to the exalted position of W.M.; he assured all present that his efforts should not fail to render every assistance to further the interests of the Lodge in future as he had done in the past. The W.M. elect responded, thanking the brethren for their mark of esteem in electing him to the chair, and expressed the hope that the Lodge during his term of Office might be as prosperous as in the preceding year. The toasts of the Visitors and the Officers of the Lodge were given and appropriately replied to, after which the Tyler was summoned, and the brethren dispersed.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—At the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 3rd June, at 7.30. Present—Bros. Grist W.M., McDowall S.W., Jacob J.W., Aspinall S.D., Glaskin J.D., Slaiter I.G.; also Bros. Blunt, E. Bishop, Fieldwick, Stanton, Lockett, &c. After preliminary business, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Slaiter candidate; the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Glaskin candidate; Bro. Fieldwick answered the questions leading to the third degree, and Bro. Grist carefully worked the ceremony, giving the Traditional History and Lecture. Bro. McDowall was elected W.M. for the next two Lodge meetings. It was further resolved that the meeting be adjourned for two weeks, next Monday being Bank holiday. All Masonic business being over, the Lodge was closed until Monday, 17th June.

Lodge of Emulation, No. 1505.—This Lodge held its regular meeting at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on the 23rd ult. Present—Bros. W. E. Quayle W.M., H. Morris I.P.M., J. T. Callow P.M. as S.W., J. Capell J.W., H. G. Vernon P.P.G.C. Chaplain., H. Coulson Sec., R. Foote S.D., H. H. Smith J.D., R. Lythan I.G., W. H. Ball Tyler. After reading the minutes of the previous meeting, Mr. Wm. Foulkes was elected and initiated into the order. There were five brethren raised to the degree of M.M. It is to be regretted that so many brethren should be advanced to the third degree in a room which is obviously too small for such an event. The manner in which these brethren were raised savoured considerably of rush and business, and our sublime ritual will and must fall short of its object under such disadvantages. The brethren were invited to refreshment by Bro. Quayle, and on the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily drunk. During the interval between the toasts Bros. Chapman, Reily, Childs, McGanly Worthy, Foulkes, Leah, favoured the brethren with some good music. The evening's pleasures were brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.

—At the Havelock Hotel, on Wednesday evening. Bros. H. Meyer W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., R. Olley S.D., Slaughter J.D., McDowell I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, G. Ferrar Treas., E. Dietrich Sec. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Ferrar candidate. The W.M. then worked the first, second, third and fourth sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. C. Lorkin was appointed W.M. for next meeting. The Secretary gave notice that he would make a proposal that £5 5s be voted from the funds to the R.M.I. for Boys.

St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 1676.—A meeting was held on the 3rd instant at the Masonic Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Present—Bros. T. Cochran P.P.G.A.D.C. W.M., John Thomas Taylor S.W., Arthur T. Taylor J.W., M. Catcheside Sec., J. R. Pringle Treas. Visitors—Bros. E. D. Davis P.M. 541 &c. P.G.D.C., Thos. Cranston P.M. 636, J. Cook P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 481, &c.,—Scott P.M. 1132, P. J. Jackson W.M. 424 and Treas. 1643, B. P. Ord S.W. 1427, J. Braithwaite Sec. 1427, W. M. Taylor 24, Thos. Walton 24 and 1664, W. Harbutt 940, R. H. Walters 1094, G. F. Charlton 1664, Henry Wilson 24 and 1664, W. Guthrie 240, W. J. Haggston 240, J. M. Marr 1636, — Robins 101, &c., &c. The Lodge having been opened in due form, was raised to the P.C. degree, when the Installing Master, Bro. E. D. Davis P.M. and P.G.D.C. Northumberland, assumed the chair, and Bro. J. T. Taylor was presented to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. After the obligation had been subscribed to, the Lodge was raised, and those below the rank of P.M. were requested to withdraw. The Board of Installing Masters was then opened, and in a most impressive manner the new Master was placed in the chair of K.S. The brethren being re-admitted, were informed that during their absence, their new Master had been regularly installed, and they were requested to salute him. The charge was then given, and the tools of the degree presented. The saluting charges and presentation of the other degrees was gone through, and the appointment of officers followed:—Bros. T. Cochran P.P.G.A.D.C. I.P.M., J. Cook P.M. P.P.G.S.W. D. of C., A. T. Taylor S.W., M. Catcheside J.W., F. Blencowe Sec., J. R. Pringle Treas., John Mackay S.D., W. Cummings J.D., E. Marston I.G., R. Ferry Organist, J. Curry Tyler, R. Veitch S. Steward, J. P. Clark J.S. The Treasurer's report was read and confirmed. It showed a very satisfactory result. The Lodge having been opened one year only, all liabilities were discharged, and a balance of £36 remained in hand. Some other routine business was disposed of, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the Douglas Hotel, where a splendid banquet was served, to which about fifty sat down. The toasts were given and responded to in a very genial manner. The health of the I.P.M., proposed by the W.M., was very heartily received; it was due to his great exertions that the Lodge was inaugurated, and is now in so flourishing a condition. The toast of the W.M. was then cordially received by all present; he, in returning thanks, assured the brethren that he would do his best to sustain the good feeling and harmony, and trusted the Lodge might not lose its lustre while in his charge. The Installing Master was proposed by Bro. P. J. Jackson W.M. 424, who, as a visitor, was proud to find the toast of so well known and loved a Mason as esteemed Bro. E. D. Davis, who to know was to admire, was given to him to propose; he regretted it was in not more able hands, so that a title of the praises of so noble a Mason might be sounded; but he was sure every member present would endorse the sentiment expressed, when he wished that the G.A.O.T.U. would spare for long years to come so eminent a brother who had done so much for Masonry, and preserve him with health and happiness. He trusted that Bro. Davis might soon regain his health, and was sure it was a matter of deep regret to all, that, owing to indisposition, he had not been able to join them at the banquet, where his presence would have added so great a charm. The other toasts were given and responded to; that of the present Officers most humorously by Bro. Catcheside, while Bro. J. Cook gave, in his happy way, "The Ladies." The harmony of the evening was good indeed, and was subscribed to by Bros. Probert, Ord, Cook, Goss, Ferry, Grant, McKay, Jackson, &c. The W.M. then gave the Tyler's toast, and the brethren departed, well satisfied with the first annual meeting of their Lodge.

Crusaders Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677.—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, E.C., on Thursday evening, 30th May. Bros. Cook W.M., T. H. Simmons S.W., Garrard J.W., Rothschild S.D., W. Rowley J.D., Cummings I.G., Hunter Preceptor, Calderwood Treas., T. Goode Hon. Sec. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed

by the W.M., Bro. J. Woodman being the candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Rothschild, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Cook being the candidate. The Lodge was then closed down. Bro. Millward proposed and Bro. Kidder seconded, that Bro. Churchyard, W.M. of No. 376, become a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Churchyard acknowledged the compliment in an appropriate manner, and expressed his intention of availing himself of the instruction he should here be able to receive as often as his presence in town would permit. Bro. T. H. Simmons having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, the Lodge was closed in the usual manner.

Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. Present—Bros. Pringle W.M., Clegg S.W., Ould J.W., Broden W.M. 781 Secretary, Robinson S.D., Andrews J.D., Maxwell jun. I.G., Turquand Preceptor; Bros. Morton, Day, Robertson, Williams, Warner, Keable, Westcott. The ceremony of initiation was worked by the W.M., Bro. Morton being the candidate. Third section of the lecture worked by Bro. Ould, fifth by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren, sixth by Bro. Turquand, assisted by Bro. Andrews, and seventh by Bro. Turquand, assisted by Bro. Clegg. Proposed and seconded that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the able manner the ceremony was worked, this being the first time the W.M. had acted in that capacity in this Lodge. Bro. Clegg will take the chair at the next meeting.

THE THEATRES, &c.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA, COVENT GARDEN.—This evening, AIDA. On Monday, LUCREZIA BORGIA. On Tuesday, FAUST & MARGHERITA. On Wednesday, PAUL ET VIRGINIE. On Thursday, DON GIOVANNI. On Friday, LES HUGUENOTS. At 8.30 each evening.

HER MAJESTY'S.—This evening, LA TRAVIATA. On Monday, MARTHA. On Tuesday, RIGOLETTO. On Wednesday, IL DON GIOVANNI. On Thursday, ROBERT LE DIABLE. At 8.30 each evening.

HAYMARKET.—At 8.15, A CRUSHED TRAGEDIAN.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7.30, MR. AND MRS. WHITE. At 8.15, ELFINELLA.

STRAND.—At 7.15, TWO TO ONE. At 8.0, OUR CLUB. At 10.15, DORA AND DIPLUNACY.

GAIETY.—At 7.30, SOLD AGAIN. At 8.0, RAJAH OF MYSORE. At 9.30, LITTLE DON CAESAR DE BAZAN.

GLOBE.—At 7.0, MY WIFE'S OUT. At 7.45, A FOOL AND HIS MONEY. At 9.45, MIND THE SHOP. On Monday, MY POLL AND MY PARTNER JOE.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, A WHIRLIGIG. At 8.0, OUR BOYS, and A FEARFUL FOG.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 8.0, DIPLOMACY.

ADELPHI.—At 7.0, FARCE. At 7.45, PROOF, &c.

LYCEUM.—At 8.15, VANDERDECKEN.

COURT.—At 8.0, OLIVIA.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.45, THE SPECTRE KNIGHT. At 9.0, H.M.S. PINAFORE.

CRITERION.—At 7.30, THE PORTER'S KNOT. At 8.45, PINK DOMINOES.

FOLLY.—At 7.30, CRAZED. At 8.15, LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE.

ROYALTY.—At 7.30, SCANDAL. At 9.0, NELL GWYNNE.

ALHAMBRA.—At 7.40, FARCE, THE GRAND DUCHESS, &c.

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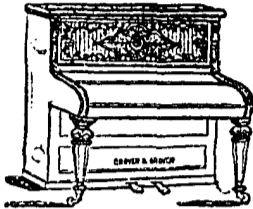
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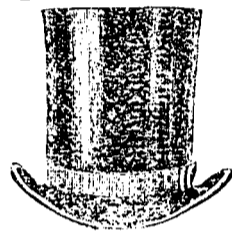
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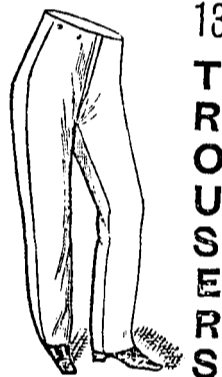
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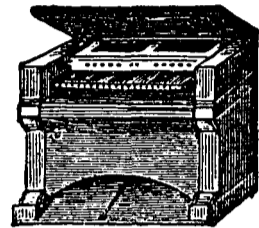
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