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THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

THE ballot paper for the next election of the Girls' School, which is to take place on Saturday the 11th October, contains the names of forty-eight approved candidates, from whom a selection is to be made to fill the eighteen declared vacancies. It will thus be seen that no less than thirty of the children who have been brought forward must on this occasion be refused admittance to the benefits of the Institution. In the case of the Boys' School, the election to which takes place the following Monday, the case is worse, there being seventy-seven candidates and only sixteen vacancies. Here, then, we shall have to turn away no less than sixty-one children who are admittedly deserving of the charitable sympathy of the Craft. Regrets at this state of affairs seem useless; we can only hope that the present prevalence of claims on our Institutions will in years to come materially decrease, but we fear that such is not likely to be the case under existing circumstances, nor while such an enormous increase is annually made in the number of members of the Craft. It appears certain that if we are to attempt anything like general relief in cases of need some material addition must be made to the accommodation which at present exists. What form this addition will take, or how it will be maintained, are questions it is impossible to answer at present, but its introduction has now become a matter of necessity unless we are to remain satisfied with dispensing relief to a small proportion only of those who are compelled to ask for our assistance, and who are deemed worthy to receive it. The number of "first application" cases which appear on the periodical lists is usually so far in advance of the vacancies which arise that it becomes a question for consideration whether more searching inquiry is not necessary before a candidate is allowed to be placed on the list, or whether some alteration in the laws is not necessary so as to render it more difficult to secure a place on the ballot paper. We so frequently hear it affirmed that one or other of the candidates' friends occupy a position in life which should have debarred them from applying to the charity of the Craft, that we are inclined to believe a more strict investigation is necessary. We admit that it may be difficult to get at the real facts of every case, but at the same time we think that if more particulars were demanded we should not have so many really deserving cases turned from our doors. Doubtless the recommending brethren usually consider their *protégé* the most deserving of support, but a committee who have the facts of each case put before them should be able to adopt such steps as effectually to prevent abuse, although we must admit that at present we have no direct evidence but that they have done all that lay in their power to do so. We will now proceed briefly to review the candidates, as described in the ballot papers, and in so doing desire it to be understood that we make use only of such information as is at the disposal of every subscriber. We are personally acquainted with particulars in many of the cases which deserve to be mentioned, but in our remarks we desire to ignore them all, as special reference in any one case would be unfair to the others.

Of the 48 girls on the list, four are "last application" cases, No. 1, who brings 646 votes forward from three previous attempts; No. 3 third application, 459 votes forward; No. 17 second application, 546 votes in hand; and No. 46, who now appears for the first time. To attempt to suggest which of these is the most deserving would be to

go beyond our intended purpose; still we think it cannot be denied that they each have claims on the sympathy of the brethren which should preclude the possibility of their being for ever debarred from entering the portals of our School. The remaining candidates will each have other opportunities, but with these four it will be the deciding election. We can but express the hope that they will secure places among the "successful." Of the remaining 44, twenty are first applications; six being accredited to London, thirteen to the Provinces and one to Hong Kong; West Yorkshire and Lincolnshire each bring forward two of this number, but are in other respects clear of the Girls' list. As however they both have "last application" cases for the Boys', it is doubtful whether the greater part of their exertions next month will not be required for the election of that School. No. 19, Edith Hicks, a Devonshire lass, brings forward 858 votes from one previous election; both her parents are living, and there are two other children depending on them for support. No. 5, Agnes A. Deeley, whose father died in 1873, has a brother in the Boys' School, she has already taken part in two elections, on which occasions 762 votes were recorded for her. No. 20, Alice Clara Kirke, 753 votes forward from last election, has a sister in the Institution, both her parents are living, and they have four other children to maintain. No. 21, Margaret Ethel Lang, one of two children dependent on their mother, has a sister in the School, and herself comes forward with 672 votes from one previous trial. Emma Eliza Williams, No. 9, has already appeared twice at the elections of this School. On those occasions her friends polled 557 votes to her credit. Both her parents are still living, but her father is insane; there are two other children who have to be provided for by the labours of the mother. No. 4, Ethel Frances W. Allison, follows very close, as regards number of votes in hand, her supporters having already recorded 547 at the two elections she has taken part in; her mother is the only parent living, and she has to provide for three children, notwithstanding the fact that the Masonic Girls' School already takes charge of two members of her family. Three cases, Nos. 15, 26 and 27, deserve especial notice. Each of these children are members of families who have neither parent living, and each has stood one election, the votes recorded then being 475, 389, and 75 respectively. The father of Alice Mary Dawson, No. 15, died in 1878, ten months after his initiation in the Londesborough Lodge. His short acquaintance with the Craft appears to have induced several friends to come forward and aid in the caring for the four children he has left parentless, if we may judge by the number of votes already polled. No. 26, Mabel Harrison Tipper, is one of three of the family of a late member of 546, who rely on the charity of friends; she has a sister in the Institution, and has, as we have already stated, 389 votes at present recorded on her behalf. No. 27, Mary Ann A. Wyatt, the other candidate left with neither parent, is one of a family of four who still remain unprovided for, except by the charity of their friends. Her father, at the time of his death, was J.W. of the Loyalty Lodge, No. 1607, and although only connected with the Order for a very short time, showed great interest in the Charities, whereby it is now sought to benefit his offspring. 480 votes are brought forward on behalf of No. 13, Emily S. H. Hill, whose mother has five children entirely, and two partially dependent on her. There are two candidates who bring forward 436 votes each; the one, No. 7, Eva C. H. Hart, from two previous attempts, and the other, No. 25, Clara Pratt, from one. In the first case the candidate has already

a sister in the School, and is the only child now dependent on the mother. Clara Pratt has both parents alive, and is one of four children looking to them for support. Our Brother Pratt, in years gone by, has borne his share of the burden of the day, and we hope that the aid he has rendered to others will now enable him to secure sufficient support to place his child in our School. His long and varied services would thus be amply repaid, and at a time when he is most in need of recognition. There are three other applicants on the list of cases standing over from the last election who have each a sister in the School—No. 8, Juliet S. H. Priestley, third application, 194 votes forward, who is, with two others, dependent on a widowed mother; No. 10, Emily Alford Cecil, 209 votes already recorded, one of three similarly circumstanced; and No. 22, Annie Elizabeth Hill, whose mother has four children to support; she has stood but one election, on which occasion 13 votes were placed to her credit. Coming as she does from Hants, we think her case may safely be left in the hands of the Masons of that district, who will not fail in effecting her election if they in any way can secure it. Laura Sophia Cheek, No. 12, appears for the second time, with 360 votes standing to her credit; she and another child rely on their mother for maintenance. The father, who was initiated in the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, died in 1873. No. 14, Fanny Elizabeth Wain, comes forward with 245 votes, and being the only candidate from Kent should have a good chance of success; her mother is the only parent living, and she has five children to provide for. The mother of Mildred Evens, No. 16, has five children entirely, and one partially dependent on her. The child it is now proposed to place in the Girls' School has already had 139 votes recorded for her by the brethren of Devon (from which Province the case emanates) and other friends. Both parents of Annie Sarah Parker, No. 11, are living, and have seven children to provide for, assistance being given them in the case of two; they have 135 votes recorded in favour of their daughter, and may reasonably expect, if they can secure the support of the father's Province (West Lancashire), to speedily secure her election. No. 24, Emily Beatrice King, to whose credit have been placed 77 votes, is one of five children relying on their parents, both of whom are living, for maintenance. Elizabeth Minnie Parker, No. 2, has taken part in two previous elections, but has not yet secured much support, only 49 votes now standing to her credit; her widowed mother has five children to support, and is unfortunate in the district from which her case emanates. The brethren of Cambridgeshire have not yet discovered the power of votes, nor indeed have they exhibited much desire to obtain them; we trust a change is not far distant. Surely there should be sufficient charity among the Masons of that county to prevent the child of one of its past members from applying to the School in vain. Forty votes are all that have been recorded in aid of Edith Brown's candidature (No. 6 on the list); she has already stood two elections. Both her parents are living, and there is a family of eight children looking to them for support. Devonshire has its hands too full to allow of much aid being rendered to this case by the Province, but we think if a little outside help was offered, they would, perhaps, make a struggle to secure a place for this child at no very distant date. Annie Gover (No. 18) had 15 votes recorded in her favour at the last election; her mother, the only parent living, has this child and two others to support. Minnie Howle, No. 23, has but two votes in her favour, she is one of four children relying on the mother. The brethren of Warwickshire (the father's Province) can, unless they are otherwise pledged, make this total very different after the next election; we hope the widowed mother will have the good fortune to secure their co-operation.

We have now referred in turn to each of the candidates of the Girls' School who have appeared on previous ballot papers, and also to the one "first application" who will be debarred, through age, after this election, from competing further. We must leave our comments on the Boys until next week.

In conclusion, we would point out that to secure success with any candidate it is necessary that united effort should be made by all who lend their names in support of the application. The number of votes that are, so to speak, wasted at each election is considerable; but we question if the various combinations which are in existence to prevent this

do not in a measure counteract the benefits which are supposed to accrue from open voting. It is but reasonable to expect London to combine if the Provinces do so; and we admit it is necessary if any equality of benefits are sought, but it leaves a very small chance open to those who are unable to secure the support of one or other of the great centres of voting power. Should any of our readers have votes unpromised, we shall be very pleased to receive them. We need hardly add that any sent us will be thankfully received, and, to the best of our judgment, beneficially applied.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

[COMMUNICATED.]

THE Annual Convent of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient, which opened early on Monday the 8th instant, was closed on Saturday the 13th by the usual banquet of the Order, after holding seven successive meetings, at which were discussed and transacted the business, both legislative and administrative, of the Rite.

The most important sitting was that held on Tuesday the 9th instant, at which was passed a new law respecting the dues to be paid to the Grand Orient, as Grand Lodge's Fund for General Purposes.

The Lodge was opened in due form at 2 p.m. on that day by Bro. Le Plé, assisted by the members of the Council of the Order, and in presence of upwards of 200 delegates. Bro. Le Plé, Venerable of the Lodge "Les Arts Réunis," of Rouen, had been elected, the day before, chairman of the Assembly, in consequence of the desire expressed by M.W. Bro. De Saint-Jean that he should not this year be voted to the chair as customary, his present bad health rendering him unfit for so arduous a task. After the opening ceremony a decree of the Council of the Order, appointing the brethren to officiate in the Grand Lodge during its session, was read, and those Officers were immediately installed in their respective functions, as follows:—Bros. Prost, delegate of the Lodge Solidarité et Progrès of Dijon, G.S. Warden; Petitfrère, Venerable of the Lodge Amis Bienfaisants of Paris, G.J. Warden; Francolin, Ven. of the Lodge Ecole Mutuelle of Paris, G. Orator; Furt, Ven. of the Lodge Sincérité of Bordeaux, A.G. Orator; Gambini, Ven. of the Lodge Parfaite Sincérité of Marseilles, G. Sec.; Josset, Ven. of the Lodge Etoile de l'Espérance of Beauvais, A.G. Sec.; Plassan, Ven. of the Lodge Encyclopédique, G. Expert; Péan, Ven. of the Lodge Démocratie Maçonnique of Pantin, S.A.G. Expert; Dupré, delegate of the Lodge Cosmopolite of Vichy, J.A.G. Expert; Cammas, delegate of the Lodge Progrès of Constantinople, G. Hospitaller; G. Directors of Ceremonies and G. Stewards, G. Inner Guard, Tyler, &c., were also nominated and invested.

The Grand Lodge being thus formed, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and after that the Secretary of the Fourth Bureau of the Assembly was called upon to make known the report of the Committee upon the proposed substitution of *one single impost* to the permanent and temporary contributions paid by the Lodges to the Grand Orient as annual dues. Bro. Décembre-Alonnier then read a report which was so comprehensive as not to permit much discussion about the points raised against the present system of contributions. Yet, however good were the arguments set forth against those contributions and the evil of inequality that is so evident in the mode of levying them, the proposal of putting in lieu thereof some more rational tax was not allowed to pass without much opposition. First among the objectors was Bro. Pouille, a member of the Council of the Order; but despite the ability with which he, as a lawyer, defended the existing system, the latter was condemned beforehand, not only by the common sense of the Assembly, but also by that instinctive peculiarity of the Frenchman's mind that leads him irresistibly to level differences and make equals in everything. But in this case there seems to have been sufficient evidence to entirely justify that eagerness with which the partisans of this reform carried all before them. For the fact was made palpable that the Grand Orient receives from every one of its subordinate Lodges a fixed annual contribution of a hundred francs, and besides this an amount varying with the number of members of each of the Lodges, which are for that purpose divided into four classes. In the first class the charge is seventy-five francs, and in the last only two hundred francs. So that it does naturally happen that a Lodge of only ten members pays in annual dues a sum amounting to 175 francs, making that 17 francs 50 cents per head, whilst the Lodge that is possessed of a list of three hundred members does not pay more than one franc per head—that is: three hundred francs in all—as Grand Orient annual dues! After an interesting discussion, in which many brethren joined, and upon its favourable conclusion by the Bro. Orator, the following resolution was passed by 142 votes:—

"All the Lodges of the Obedience shall pay to the Grand Orient an annual and single contribution, each in proportion with the number of its active members, according to its quarterly return."

The other clauses that provide for the means of facilitating the regular execution of the law were voted afterwards without much objection, and then the Grand Lodge adjourned.

Next day's sitting, and that of Thursday and Friday, were fully occupied with mere routine business; proposals of modifications to be introduced in some regulations; votes of several grants for charitable purposes, and examinations of the Budget of the Grand Orient, whose expenditure for next year is calculated at 168,638fr. 70c.

In the elections, which took place on Thursday, of the eleven members to replace those eleven displaced by lot, according to the article of the law constituting the Council of the Order,

eight of those retiring were re-elected, and, after a double ballot, involving a sharp contest, three new members were elected, also for three years. These are, 1st Bro. Le Plé, D.M.V. of the Lodge Arts Réunis of Rouen, Président elect of the Assembly; 2nd Bro. Sarraz, Ven. of the Lodge Chevaliers de Fraternité of Bordeaux; and, finally, Bro. Didiot Ven. of the Lodge Union and Persévérance of Paris, for the centenary of which Lodge there was a great fête held last year. But the closing meeting, on Saturday, being one at which visitors are admitted in the Lodge Hall, and not merely in the galleries, as on the previous days, was, of course, more interesting and more lively than the preceding ones. The spacious Lodge room was hung with flags of all nations, arranged here and there between the panels, which were covered with the symbols of the Order. Amidst those flags the motto, "Liberté, Egalité et Fraternité" was conspicuous enough to remind—if not the French by whom the words are so commonly used that one may be inclined to believe they have become meaningless to most of them, but certainly the casual foreign visitor, of the fundamental basis of our Institution and of the only true principles of Freemasonry, which are, whatever may be thought or said to the contrary, the only faith and the sole dogma upon which every Mason ought to be obligated. Why not inscribe everywhere those words in our Lodges, instead of trying to symbolise their meaning, and then to leave those symbols to be explained, or often misexplained altogether?

At 4.30 p.m. the Grand Lodge was opened in due and solemn form by the President of the Assembly, supported in the East by the President of the Council of the Order, and assisted by the members of that Council. The Grand Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, and some minor business having been despatched, the President gave order to the Directors of Ceremonies to see whether there were any brethren waiting for admission, and to introduce with due Masonic honours any distinguished visitors that might be known to them as such. A deputation was immediately formed and left the Lodge. A few minutes after the doors were reopened, and in came the visitors; then, under "an arch of steel, gavel sounding, and brethren to order, two Deacons, bearing the respective flags of England and France," and the guests were introduced. Among them were Bro. Dr. John Thomas Loth Grand Steward of Scotland 33° S.C.G.O., and Bro. William Cornelius P.M. Lodge Celtic Royal Order of Scotland, Knight of Rome, Constantine, Malta, &c., 33° S.C.G.O. These visitors being conducted with due honours, and placed between the two columns, the W. President Bro. Le Plé addressing them said:—"Scotland and France, brethren, are two countries which, whatever has happened, are more than any others, and Masonically united; French and Scotch Masons were, and are still one. We greet and welcome you, therefore, with pleasure and joy. We offer you our cordial hand and fraternal grip, and we wish you all good and prosperity."

Bro. Le Plé then asked the brethren to give to the visitors a hearty proof of brotherly feeling by uniting with him in saluting them with a warm and sympathetic double batterie (French and Scottish). The President having given the sign, it was accordingly followed with cheerful unanimity.

After the batterie Bro. Loth, returning thanks, said:—"Most W. President, and you all, Brethren of this Illustrious Convent: I am among you, I think, an old face, being known personally by many of you as a friend of the Grand Orient; it is, therefore, with heartfelt pleasure and infinite pride that I come forward, in the name of the visitors, to thank you most cordially for the splendid manner in which you have just welcomed us. I am particularly moved, indeed, by the expression of your fraternal sentiments towards Scotch Masons. To them, be sure of it, I shall not fail, if not officially, as I had the honour of doing for many years, but none the less truly and sincerely, to be, on all occasions, the faithful interpreter of your brotherly regard and good wishes. I am pleased beyond expression, and consider it a good fortune the coincidence of my visit to Paris with the meeting of the Convent: this important gathering of the Grand Orient, to which I have now the extreme satisfaction and pride of being admitted, especially under existing circumstances. We cannot have light without variety of colour; we cannot have freedom of thought and liberty of conscience without difference of opinion. Deprecating, much as I do, and with true Masonic feeling, what has happened, I cannot however refrain from giving utterance here to my regrets and hopes; nor to say that already I see and can point to the day, which I feel certain is not distant, when it shall be completely obliterated by Masonic charity alone. For, brethren, in matters Masonic, Charity and Brotherly love must be our guiding rule, our first precept. And where Charity reigns, there may be difference without antagonism, variety without discord, shades of opinion without systematic opposition, broken relations or disunion. Yes, let us hope for that day, it will soon come, when French and Scotch Masons again, as of old, hand in hand, will, by a perfect understanding, renew and make stronger the link of their old brotherly affection, now, I may say, only apparently interrupted. And then, pursuing with that energy and fidelity that are among their national characteristics, the path marked out by our primitive brethren for us to live in perpetual union, we will then have between us but one question, viz.:—that of our mutual contest or emulation in the love and progress of the Fraternity. Brethren, once more receive our warmest thanks and most cordial wishes."

After this speech, which was listened to with as much interest as it was delivered with emotion, and was warmly applauded, the President called upon the Bro. Orator to deliver the Oration of the day. Brother Francolin did so, with great ability of thought and capacity of conception. He took up a subject which could not fail to bring him the general applause of the brethren, though the volubility with which he read it marred and destroyed, in many instances, the effect of the happy thoughts and appropriate expressions which abounded in his oration. We regret not being able to review it here, owing to the want of space.

After the general applause of the Brethren, and the personal

congratulation of the Brother President to Brother Orator had been made and acknowledged, Brother Cousin, Senior Vice President of the Council of the Order, rose, and with that sagacity and heartiness which are so prominent in him, proposed, in short but well-chosen words, a vote of thanks to the Chairman of the Assembly. That proposal was received with all the more enthusiastic cheering that it was supported by the President of the Council of the Order. Our much esteemed and Ill. Bro. De Saint Jean, having congratulated Bro. Le Plé on the able and dignified manner with which he had discharged the lofty but difficult duties of the chair, called upon the brethren to acknowledge their thankfulness to the chairman by a well-fed and treble batterie, three times three, which was executed with renewed enthusiastic cheering, alternated with the words:—Liberty: Equality and Fraternity; whilst Bro. De Saint Jean, always mindful of the practices of our primitive brethren, and in the name of the brethren of all the Lodges of the Rite, tenderly gave the accolade to Bro. Le Plé, and warmly shook hands with him. The Lodge then adjourned from labour to refreshment; that *sumum bonum* of all those who could not, for the life of them, disconnect Freemasonry with conviviality. A sumptuous banquet, at which upwards of 200 brethren attended, and with the usual toasts and courtesies, closed—between ten and eleven p.m. last Saturday—the Session of the Grand Orient for this year; a session upon which on all points it may be congratulated.

M. B.

Paris, 18th September 1879.

DORIC CHAPTER, No. 933.

THE Installation Meeting of this Chapter was held on the 16th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Among those present were—Comps. B. Cundick M.E.Z., W. Musto H., G. Hollington J., J. G. Stevens S.E., F. Buckland N., Bonny P. Soj.; also Comps. T. J. Barnes, J. Taylor, Griffin, Myers, G. W. Verry, J. J. Berry, Bowron, Shepherd, &c. After the confirmation of minutes of previous Convocation, Bro. Edney J.W. 933 was exalted to the R.A. degree in a finished manner, by the M.E.Z. Comp. Cundick then proceeded to instal Comp. Musto into the chair of Z., and Comp. Barnes to instal Comps. Hollington and Buckland into the chairs of H. and J. respectively. The working throughout was of a most perfect character. The M.E.Z. then appointed as his Officers Comps. T. J. Barnes Treasurer, J. Bowron S.E., Bonny N., G. W. Verry P. Soj., J. J. Berry First Asst. S. The pleasure of presenting a Past Principal's jewel to Comp. Cundick next devolved upon Comp. Musto; in this duty he acquitted himself successfully. The Chapter was then closed, and the Comps. repaired to the banquet room. After the cloth was removed, the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were suitably honoured. Bro. Cundick, in proposing the health of the M.E.Z., expressed the pleasure it had given him to instal Comp. Musto into the proud position of First Principal of the Doric Chapter. It was well known to all how ably and zealously he worked in Craft Masonry—ever ready to impart Masonic instruction to others—and with what credit to himself he had performed the duties of the several offices he had been appointed to in that Chapter. He was sure that the Doric Chapter would lose none of its prestige whilst under the presidency of their most Excellent Comp. Musto. After Comp. Musto had responded, the toasts of Comps. H. and J., and the past Principal Officers were proposed by the M.E.Z., and heartily received. The Janitor's toast brought a successful evening to a close.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls held its monthly meeting on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. H. A. Dubois (in the chair), James F. Corben, H. Massey, Col. James E. Peters, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. The meeting had very little business before it, and after notice of motion had been given for the next Quarterly Court, a vote of thanks, proposed by Bro. Col. Peters, seconded by Bro. Corben, was passed to Bro. Joshua Nunn and Mr. A. Rowland, his nephew, for a vocal and instrumental entertainment given at the Institution on Monday last.

The Ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be rehearsed at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, on Tuesday, 7th October, at six o'clock, by Bro. J. Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts, and Sec. R.M.B.I. The brethren will meet at the Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-street, where members of the Craft are cordially invited. A cold collation will be provided, tickets for which can be obtained from the Hon. Sec., Bro. W. M. Stiles.

Madame Worrell's Annual Evening Concert, will be given at the Angell Town Institution, Gresham Road, Brixton, on Wednesday next, 1st October. Madame Worrell will be assisted by the following artistes:—Miss Matilda Roby, Miss Annie Matthews, Mdle. Helene Arnim, Miss Marian Barton, Mr. Arthur J. Thompson, Mr. A. Calk, Mr. Edward Wharton, Mr. James Budd, and Messrs. J. H. Mannder, Thos. Nettleship and Henry Baker. Pianoforte, Miss Ada Hazard (Silver Medalist) R.A.M., Viola, Mr. E. Deane. The duties of conductor, will be undertaken by Mr. Turle Lee. Those of our readers who desire Tickets can obtain them of Madame Worrell, 67 Knowle Road, Brixton Road, S.W., or at the Hall, on the evening of the Concert.

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THE BENEVOLENT FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the last issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE I find your able editorial article on the subject of the large amount of money in the Benevolent Fund, in excess, as you state, of what is required for the purposes for which it has been subscribed, with suggestions as to how this plethora of wealth can be disposed of, the principle of which is that a certain amount shall be abstracted and applied to other uses beyond those named at the foundation of the fund, and you pertinently put the question, "What better object could the brethren set before them to achieve than to place in the hands of our young students, after they quit our Schools, some means whereby they might make a start in life, and which, without extraneous aid, they are frequently unable to do." Now, Dear Sir and Brother, I think without any amount of arrogance, or any better knowledge than is possessed in common by every member of our Craft, and at the risk of setting myself somewhat in opposition to your better judgment, that a ready outlet for this great flood of wealth could be found in other ways. The children of our deceased brethren are frequently thrown back upon the widowed mother, a heavy burden that she is scarcely able to bear, and the only hope of relief thrown open to her is the chance of obtaining admission for one or more of them into our Masonic Schools. They are in due time, accordingly, submitted for the opinion of the Committee, and being considered fit objects for the Charity, are placed upon the list of accepted candidates for the next election, but having no friend standing high in the Craft to advocate their cause and personally take up the case, how often does the hope of gaining admission to our Schools turn out to be but "a mockery, a delusion, and a snare." After running the prescribed number of elections, the time at length comes which fixes the hopes of the mother on "the last application." This, like all the rest, ends only in disappointment, and the poor child is now "left out in the cold," and without the possibility of ever being received into the bosom of the Craft, although, perchance, only a few votes separated him or her from more fortunate competitors. On the other hand, look at the contrast. Once included in the list of "successful candidates" everything is provided for, it may be, for the next nine years of the child's life, who is well fed, clothed and educated, in many instances in a very superior manner to what they would ever have enjoyed had their parents been living, and, for the period named, live in the very sunshine of happiness; every want is carefully attended to, friends visit them, amusements are provided, and anything like ordinary diligence shown by them in their studies meets with ready and willing rewards. Contrast all this with the condition of the "unsuccessful candidates," who go back to their poor homes, in many cases, no doubt, almost wanting the necessaries of life—"without any extraneous aid" to help many, and who are henceforth to be considered dead to the Craft. If all this is calmly reviewed by our brethren I think I may venture to say that there is no lack of objects upon whom this superfluous capital might well be bestowed. However deserving may have been the conduct of a brother during his lifetime, or however he may have tried, perhaps in a humble way, to carry out the great precepts of the Order, his widow can make but one appeal to the bounty of the Craft, and cannot renew it, however great her necessities may be. Therefore it is that I plead on behalf of those left behind who have not been fortunate enough to obtain any of the good things which the Craft dispenses with so liberal a hand.

If these few lines serve to elicit any opinion from our elder brethren of the Craft in the direction I have indicated, and have the effect of admitting a bright and cheering ray into the widow's home, it will be a great satisfaction to,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

18th Sept. 1879.

A. P.M.

MASONIC TRADE MARKS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think that great praise is due to you for reproducing from the *Masonic Newspaper* the excellent article inserted in your last number on "Masonic Trade Marks," and I really believe that few right-thinking Masons will disagree with the opening sentence of that article, which sets out by stating—"The not infrequent use of Masonic emblems in outward display has rarely met with the approval of right-thinking members of the fraternity, and when an exhibition of this nature presents itself we are at once led to suspect the good faith, if we might not add, the good sense of the exhibitor." There can be no doubt that the display of the Masonic emblems is a privilege greatly abused, for no sooner in some instances does the novitiate receive the first light of Freemasonry than he is anxious to make an outward display of having been admitted within the portals of the Order by every means in his power, and to my own knowledge in one instance a publican, who had been proposed for initiation in a Lodge that shall be nameless, actually had the Masonic emblems painted on the front of his house before he was admitted a member. Amongst publicans it is the rule, and not the exception, to make the most ostentatious display of their connection with the Order, and which goes a long way in my mind to prove that one of the first

questions put to them at their initiation, has been altogether disregarded. I am not aware whether there is any Masonic law to reach such cases, but I think if the members of the Lodges to which these placarding Masons belong were to express their disapprobation of such practices a remedy would soon be applied, and the objectionable exhibition removed. The display of matters which ought to be confined to the sanctity of our Lodges can have but one object, and that is a mercenary consideration. As I began with an extract from the article referred to, so will I close with another from it, which thoroughly expresses my views upon the subject. "Among Masons, with whom this token has a moral significance its use in that capacity (a trade mark) would undoubtedly be regarded as a base prostitution of it to mercenary purposes, while with others its mystic force would often dissipate its virtues as a trade mark, and perhaps in some instances place the article it appeared upon under a ban."

I am, yours fraternally,

ALPHA.

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FREEMASONS PAINTED BY ONE OF THEMSELVES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In an editorial article in your contemporary of the 20th instant, I find the following description of Freemasons, and, having called your attention to it, I shall leave yourself and readers to draw their own conclusions:—

"In Freemasonry to-day we are, and must be, struck by the fact that the professions in lodge are widely different from the practice out of lodge, and that if we were to judge of Freemasonry by what we hear brethren say, and what we see them do, our opinion of the worth and value, the utility and need of Masonry in the world would be very low and slight indeed."

Now such an opinion as this, found in the organ which professes to be the exponent of Freemasonry, and constantly censuring evil speaking and slandering in others, comes with an exceedingly bad grace indeed, but unless the writer of these "charitable" sentiments may say that his observations have been garbled, I give the rest of the passage:—

"The brother, for instance, who dilates unremittently and magnificently about Masonic charity and brotherly love in Lodge, to the intense admiration of a most select circle, is out of Lodge, or in print sometimes, the most ill-natured, tale-bearing, and slanderous of mortals. He does a frightful amount of mischief, and not only does reveal 'secrets,' but he very often 'separates chief friends.' You and I, kind readers, have often heard Bro. Mugginbotham, who is quite 'touching' in all he says about 'charity,' &c., in our Lodge gatherings; he affects the 'visiting brethren,' and 'moves' the 'reporters,' (proverbially a hard-hearted race), but search the lists of our Charities, we find him not; and neither does Bros. Terry, or Binckes, or Hedges record with an approving pen the classic and euphonious name of 'Mugginbotham' in their veracious lists. And, once more, we all know 'Crusher,' what a 'swell' he is, how he lays down the law, how the Lodge listens intent upon his words; how no one delivers an impressive ritual like 'Crusher,' and yet, alas, as we all know, his daily and hourly existence is a most mournful illustration of the utter hollowness of the principles he avows, the ritual he knows so well, and 'spits out' so glibly."

Such, Dear Sir and Brother, is the elegant diction of this champion of brotherly love, &c., and I ask you, need I offer another word in "illustration of the hollowness of the principles" avowed by the writer, or whether it is worth my while even to expectorate upon such a production?

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

P.M.

The Directors of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company have issued their report for the half-year ending the 30th June 1879, which was presented to the proprietors at the ordinary general meeting on the 25th September 1879. They recommend that an addition of £20 per annum be made to the remuneration of each auditor, in consideration of the increased labour thrown on those officers. The financial position of the Company is declared as follows:—The balance of Profit and Loss Account amounts to £11,745 3s 10d. Out of this sum the Directors recommend the declaration of a Dividend for the half-year ending 30th June last at the following rates per annum, viz.—6 per cent. on the Preference Stock; 7 per cent. on the Ordinary 7 per cent. Stock; 10 per cent. on the ordinary 10 per cent. Stock; and 7 per cent. on the new ordinary 7 per cent. Shares; all less income tax; this will absorb £10,452 12s 1d, and leave £1,292 11s 9d to be carried forward to the profit of the succeeding half-year. The prosperous state of this Company—with which many of our brethren are connected—here exhibited, must be eminently gratifying to the shareholders.

We have received Prospectus of the Street Accident and Dangerous Driving Prevention Society, whose headquarters are at 17 Devonshire Square, Bishopsgate. The intention of this Society is to enforce existing laws; to petition Parliament to amend the present insufficient statutes; to prosecute offenders; grant donations or loans to sufferers; obtain compensation for injuries; compulsory carriage of a lamp on all vehicles, trimmed and lighted after sunset; compulsory use of proper brake power; to station the society's officers in all the leading thoroughfares of the metropolis and other towns. Those who desire to know more of this Society can obtain all particulars from the Secretary, E. C. Keevil, at the Offices as above.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

BY command of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.M. the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was held on Wednesday the 17th inst, in the Mechanics' Institution, Stockport, where there was an exceedingly large and highly-influential gathering of brethren from every portion of the province, Masonic enthusiasm being thus shown in the support of a chief who is so deservedly popular, as well as in the direction of giving continued vitality to the cause of the fraternity generally. At present his lordship rules over a province which embraces 37 Lodges, with a total membership of upwards of 1700; and on this occasion the whole of the Lodges in the province were represented, without a single exception, there being altogether upwards of 400 brethren present to assist at the annual business meeting of the province. This is probably the largest meeting of brethren which has ever been held in connection with the province, and amongst the Lodges most numerous represented were the Lodge of St. John, No. 104, Stockport; the Lodge of Peace, No. 322, Stockport; the Lodge of Concord, No. 323, Stockport; and the Warren Lodge, No. 1276, Liscard.

The proceedings commenced at one o'clock p.m. when Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley P.G.M. was received in due form by the assembled brethren, amongst the P.G. Lodge Officers present being Bros. G. W. Latham, Past G.D. of England, acting as D.P.G.M., R. Beales P.P.G.J.W., A. E. Cokayne P.G.S.B., Llewellyn Making P.G.J.D., J. Tomlinson P.P.G.S.B., Rev. R. Hodgson P.G.C., W. Nicholls P.G.P., J. Cavanagh P.G.A.D.C., Rev. Augustus A. Bagsshawe, M.A., P.G.C. and P.P.G.S.W. Derbyshire, G. A. Fernley P.P.G.J.W., J. Hibbert P.P.G.J.D., J. P. Platt P.P.G.J.W., J. H. Sillitoe P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire, Captain Turner P.P.G.S.W. Derbyshire, J. A. Birch P.P.S.G.D., Captain J. W. Arrowsmith P.P.G.S.B., R. C. Mellor P.P.G.J.D. North Wales and Salop, Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope Grand Chaplain, H. C. Lisle P.P.G.S.D., W. Matthews P.P.G.A.D.C., J. Samuel P.G.P., T. Smith P.P.G.J.D., J. Salmon P.P.G.S.D., J. Wood P.P.G.R., T. Marwood P.P.G.J.W., F. Smith P.P.G.S. of W., T. H. Kirk P.P.G.O., G. P. Brockbank P.P.G.S.D. E. Lancashire, J. Beresford P.P.G.S.D., J. W. P. Salmon P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire, J. Beech P.P.G.P., S. Wilkinson P.P.G.S.D., J. Twiss P.P.G.O., B. Taylor P.P.G.D.C. E. Lancashire, T. Chesworth P.G.D.C., T. M. Lockwood P.P.G.S. of W., W. Greatrix P.P.G.P., J. C. Cheetham P.P.G.S.B., P. Wadsworth P.P.G.A.D.C., J. E. Anderton P.G.R. East Lancashire, C. J. Howard P.P.G.J.W., E. H. Griffiths P.G. Sec., F. Jackson P.G. Treas., J. Chadwick P.G.S. East Lancashire, E. Hardon P.P.G.S.D., C. Dutton P.P.G.S.W., H. Bulley P.G.S.B. of England, Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner P.P.G.C., W. Fair P.P.G.S.B. &c.

The P.G. Lodge having been opened in due form letters of apology for non-attendance were announced by the P.G. Secretary (Bro. E. H. Griffiths) from Bro. the Right Hon. W. Egerton D.P.G.M. (who has gone to Italy), Bro. Horatio Lloyd P.P.G.S.W., Bro. Le Gendre Starkie P.G.M. of East Lancashire, Bro. McIntyre G. Reg., and a number of other provincial Grand Lodge Officers. The roll of Lodges was then called over, and it was found that all were represented, the total attendance being about 450. The minutes of the previous annual meeting, held at Nantwich, were read and unanimously confirmed.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley P.G.M., who was received with loud cheers, said that he had again to thank the G.A.O.T.U. for being once more permitted to preside over the P.G. Lodge of Cheshire. He did so with very sincere gratitude, and especially when he again found himself, after a lapse of 13 years, in the good old town of Stockport, where he had always met with a cordial and hospitable reception. The Masonic gathering which he had now the honour to address in no way lost its previous reputation, or fell short of what he had reason to expect. He thought that no Prov. G. Master ever addressed so large and influential a meeting as that which was there assembled. Every Lodge had answered to its name, and several of them were most largely represented. What was still more satisfactory to his feelings, and must be to every Mason, was the fact that during the year every Lodge had nobly done its duty in promoting the noble and sacred cause of charity. It would perhaps be invidious for him to particularise any individual Lodge, but he felt that he must mention the Lodge of St. John, No. 104, Stockport, as being prominent in its support of the Girls' School in London during the last year. Other Lodges, however, had nobly done their duty, and the result was that during the year their success had been unprecedented. They carried their three candidates for the Girls' School and the Royal Benevolent Institution on the first application. Besides this, £10 had been voted by the Fund of Benevolence to a distressed brother at Hyde, and £10 which had been voted to another distressed brother had been increased to £40 through the efforts of one of their brethren. His lordship then referred to a case in which the daughter of a deceased brother was a candidate for the Girls' School on the representation that her father belonged to the province of Cheshire, but he desired to state that this was not the fact, because, although her father had been initiated in Cheshire, he actually had been a subscribing brother in Wiltshire. He would therefore ask the brethren to reserve their votes till the next spring election, when they would have three *bona fide* Cheshire candidates for the Charities, whose election he trusted they would secure through the same excellent arrangements which had distinguished them in times past. He was happy to say that during the past year the peace of the province had been undisturbed; no dispute of any sort had been brought under his notice, and he was glad to know that the vitality of the province was shown by the fact that there was now a total membership of 1731 in connection with the Lodges. No doubt it was very satisfactory to find that Masonry had so greatly increased in that portion of the kingdom, but there was one circumstance upon which he wished to make a few remarks. From the

returns of the various Lodges he found that out of the 1731 members there were no fewer than 114 defaulters in the way of subscription. That was a very serious matter, and he accordingly wished to call the attention of the brethren, especially of the W.M.'s of the various Lodges, to the fact. Those brethren who were behind in the subscriptions ought to be struck off the roll of the Lodge, as each Lodge had to pay a certain amount to the grand Lodge in fees, even for those who did not meet their subscriptions. This was a very serious matter, and he (Lord de Tabley) was sure he had only to mention it to secure immediate attention and a speedy remedy. The Cheshire Educational Institution, under the chairmanship of Bro. J. P. Platt, had also flourished greatly during the year, and there was now a very considerable number of children supported through its instrumentality. The mention of this charity vividly called to his memory the loss which their Order had sustained by the death of Bro. Thomas Platt during the year, whose exertions and energy were so conspicuous in the cause of Masonry and the Educational Institution of Cheshire—an example which they might all very worthily follow. He (the P.G.M.) had only to express, in conclusion, his deep responsibility of the position which he held as the head of that province, and he could assure the brethren that his great anxiety was to do the duty which the Grand Master had placed upon him fairly and impartially. He had hitherto great reason to thank the brethren for their cordial support, and he could only hope that he would continue to merit that in the future.

Bro. F. Jackson P.G. Treas., submitted his annual financial statement, from which it appeared that there was a balance to the credit of the Provincial Grand Lodge amounting to £537 15s 7d and to the Fund of Benevolence of £713 17s 4d. The P.G. Treasurer congratulated the brethren upon the fact that the province was now out of debt, and he trusted that they would be able next year to vote a sum of money in charity. Lord de Tabley said it was most satisfactory to find this state of things, especially after the munificent subscription of 1000 guineas which had been voted a few years ago to secure a perpetual presentation to the Boy's School. The financial statement was passed; and on the motion of the P.G.M., seconded by Bro. Latham, acting D.P.G.M., Bro. F. Jackson was re-elected P.G. Treasurer.

His lordship then appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—The Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., 321 Deputy P.G. Master,* Bro. John Wood 321 P.G. Senior Warden, Francis Arthur Dickson 425 P.G. Junior Warden, Rev. Richard Hodgson* 1045 P.G. Chaplain, Rev. George Frederick Dean 537 P.G. Chaplain, Ferdinando Jackson jun.* 295 P.G. Treasurer, John Hibbert 1166 P.G. Registrar, Edward Hounsum Griffiths* 293 P.G. Secretary, William Harrison 104 P.G. Senior Deacon, William Hickton 322 P.G. Junior Deacon, Stanhope Bull 425 P.G. Supt. of Works, Herbert Finch 104 P.G. Dir. of Cers., Thomas Brookes 323 P.G. Assist. Dir. of Cers., George Henry Holden 295 P.G. Sword Bearer, Edward Cuzner* 425 P.G. Organist, William Nicholls 941 P.G. Pursuivant, J. H. Holtaway* 1289 P.G. Tyler, William Booth 104, Edward Stevens 104, John Leigh 287, William Henry Brown 322, Josiah Hill 323, John K. Green 323, P.G. Stewards.

The P.G.M. reappointed Bro. J. P. Platt as the Chairman of the Fund of Benevolence, and invested him with a clasp in recognition of services again given as Steward to the Girls' School.

The P.G.M. also presented and invested the following brethren with charity jewels, to which they had entitled themselves by twice serving the office of Steward to the London Charities:—Bro. Simcock 1357, Bro. Cunnah 721, Bro. Harrison W.M. 104, Bro. Kirk I.P.M. 104, Bro. T. Burrows J.W. 104, Bro. H. Finch P.M. 104, and Bro. J. Stafford 104.

The P.G.M. announced that he would hold the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Runcorn; and a vote of thanks having been given to the Rev. Matthew Pugh, M.A., rector of St. Thomas's Church, for the use of that building for divine service, the P.G.L. was closed in solemn form.

The brethren were now marshalled in procession, the County Lodges first, followed by the past and present P.G. Officers. The Sacred Law was borne on a crimson velvet cushion placed upon an altar or pedestal of garter-blue and gold with white staves, by four Master Masons' sons, each of them wearing a garter-blue collar and silver "Lewis" attached, bearing a suitable inscription, with which they had been invested by the P.G.M. The square, level plumb-rule and mallet borne in the procession were the same as used in laying the corner stone of St. Mary's Parish Church in the year 1813, and now in possession of Lodge Unanimity 287. The Wardens' columns and the tracing boards of the three degrees were carried by the W.M.'s of local Lodges. Favoured with beautiful weather, the procession passed off with great success, and was witnessed by a vast concourse of people. Spectators and carriages lined either side of the streets leading to the Church, and almost every window and piece of vantage ground was occupied along the route.

Arrived at St. Thomas's Church, the procession opened out to allow the P.G.M. and Provincial Officers to pass into the building, thus inverting the order in which the brethren walked from the Mechanics' Institution. Proceeding along the north side of the church the members were met by Bros. Hornby and Nield, the churchwardens. The body of the church was reserved for the brethren, and as they entered, the choir sang, "Onward, Christian soldiers." The musical portion of the service was under the direction of Bro. E. Cuzner P.G.O., assisted by Master W. E. Cuzner, Misses Florence, Alice, and Essie Cuzner, Bros. Edmondson, Humphries, and T. Knowles, and Mr. R. H. Williams. Bridgewater's cantata in A, "O, sing unto the Lord a new song," and the anthem, "God is a spirit," from Sterndale Bennett's "Woman of Samaria," were very beautifully rendered, and listened to with rapt attention. The service was intoned by the Rev. Graham Jones, of Newton, and the lesson read by the Rev. Spencer Stanhope, G. Chaplain of England, the preacher being the Rev. R. Hodgson, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, who took for his text the 17th

* Marked thus, re-appointed.

verse of the 2nd chapter of the First Epistle to Peter—"Honour all men, love the brotherhood." A collection was afterwards made on behalf of the Provincial Fund of Benevolence and the Stockport Infirmary.

The brethren subsequently banquetted at the Volunteer Armory (specially decorated for the occasion), under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley. During dinner the band of the 4th C.R.V. played a choice selection of music, conducted by Mr. T. M'Ardle. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by Bro. Lord de Tabley, the health of the Grand Officers being acknowledged by Bro. H. Bulley Past G.S.B.

Bro. G. W. Latham, Acting D.P.G.M., gave the toast of Lord de Tabley, and in doing so referred to the great progress which Masonry had made in that province during his lordship's fourteen years' Mastership.

The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm and the P.G.M. in response said Bro. Latham had so cordially, so warmly proposed his health, in terms far too flattering to himself and to his personal merits, but not too flattering to the reception the Provincial Grand Master had met with that day as Provincial Grand Master, a reception of which any one might well be proud. As he went through the streets he found a welcome which nothing could exceed. It was not the first time he had been in Stockport, and he felt bound to say that in no town did he find warmer hearts or a more cordial welcome than he did amongst his fellow-countrymen in Stockport. He had a grateful recollection of their kindness, and he always looked forward to the time when the visit should recur again. Bro. Latham had reflected that since they had last the pleasure of meeting here a period had elapsed which would give food, and ample food for reflection. For his own part, he could only refer with unmixed gratitude to his own experience. He entered upon his duties with an anxious desire to do what in him lay for the benefit of Masonry, and now, after the lapse of so many years, his heart still bent as warm towards Masonry as it did in the beginning, and he hoped it would still continue to beat as warm till his dying day. Since that time Masonry had made great progress, and now its members were numbered by hundreds, and there were only two or three provinces before them in the annals of charity. Masonry, of course, was not without its ups and downs, its little differences of opinion, which were to be regretted; but he was happy to say, that everything of that kind had passed away, and harmony—he hoped perpetual harmony—had been restored, which throughout the province there would be a determination to support and maintain. He thanked them most cordially for the reception met with that day, and more particularly were his thanks due to the brethren of Stockport. Every brother would recollect that there was great gratitude due to the Stockport Lodges for the way in which they had been received. He again thanked them for the way in which they had drunk his health, and he was sure they would continue to give the same warm support to Masonry when his own heart had ceased to beat.

The P.G.M. next gave the toast of the "Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., R.W.D.P.G. Master, and the other P.G. Officers." He was sorry that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master was abroad, and in his absence he called upon their excellent brother John Wood to respond.

Bro. John Wood P.G.S.W. said it was a matter of great satisfaction to him, as a Stockport Mason, to see the magnificent spectacle which had been presented that day in the church, on the road, and at the banquet. It would be a matter of grateful remembrance to him that Stockport had not come short of what was expected of it. He had no doubt that would remain a prominent day in the memory of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, and of every brother who had been present.

Bro. F. A. Dickson P.G.J.W. proposed the toast of the "Visiting P.G. Masters and other visiting brethren," and called upon the Mayor of Stockport, Bro. J. L. Vaughan P.M. 1,030, and Captain Turner P.P.G.S.W. of Derbyshire.

The Mayor of Stockport, in responding, said it gave him great pleasure to be present, both as a Past Master of a neighbouring Lodge and as Mayor of this Borough. It would be one of the most pleasing recollections of his life.

Captain Turner said he did not expect his name to be coupled with the toast, and he felt some difficulty in answering it according to its merits. At the same time he felt that he had not done himself justice in living so long in the neighbourhood of Stockport and yet having to respond to the toast of the visitors.

The P.G.M. then proposed the health of the Masters of Lodges 104, 287, 322, and 323, Stockport. It would be invidious to particularise any of them, and therefore he would only call attention to the noble exertions made by the St. John's Lodge 104 in the cause of charity.

The W.M.'s of the several Lodges responded to the toast.

Bro. the Rev. R. Hodgson P.G.C. proposed the toast, "Prosperity to the Masonic Charities." Every brother present would agree with him that if Masonry was not charity, it was nothing at all. If it was not a reality, Masonry was simply humbug, and nothing more. He was not of those who discouraged the good things of this life, for he thought it was a grand thing for the brethren to come together in pleasant social intercourse, but the principal object of Masonry was its Masonic Charities, and he was happy to say they were amongst the largest in England.

Brother Platt P.P.G.J.W., Treasurer for the Masonic Educational Institution in Cheshire, responded. For the first time, during a period of 16 years, they had been able to meet all their payments by the interest on their investments.

The P.G.M. next proposed the P.G. Stewards, who had so well discharged their duties.

Bro. Wm. Booth S.D. 101, responding for the Stewards, said, although the duties might be arduous, there was an amount of pleasure in assisting in the success of the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting which was its own reward. The decorations of the room were the work of one of the P.G. Stewards, Bro. Hill P.M., to whom they would agree great credit was due.

The P.G. Tyler then gave the last toast, "To all poor and distressed Masons throughout the world."

The P.G.M. then brought the happy meeting to a close, after thanking them once again for the hearty welcome he had received in the good old town of Stockport.

A very choice selection of music was performed during the toasts, under the direction of the P.G. Organist, Bro. Cuzner.

The proceedings at the banquet were ably directed by Bro. Finch the Prov. G.D.C., who with the aid of a "herald" announced the toasts and led the "honours" with telling effect.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., in the Guildhall, York, under the presidency of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Zetland. He was supported by Bro. Dr. Pearson Bell, M.D., J.P., P.S.G.D. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the various Officers of the year, and a numerous gathering of Past Prov. Grand Officers, Masters, and members of the Lodges of the Province, the meeting being one of the largest ever known in this district. Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Prov. Grand Secretary then announced that several letters of apology had been received from brethren unable to attend, and then proceeded to read the report of the Board of Benevolence which had been held that day. This report contained, among other items, the announcement that the Treasurer's balance sheet had been adopted; and that the proposed bye-laws for the Charity Committee had been received, and, on motion, referred back to the brethren in whose hands the matter had been placed at last meeting. The Board recommended four grants respectively of £20, £10, £15, and £10, to relieve cases of distress brought under their notice, and discussed various matters of interest to the brethren as regards the voting of the Province at the London Charities. The report was received and the grants confirmed. The Prov. G. Treas. then read the balance sheet for the past year, by which it appears that the sum of £13 1s was given to charitable institutions, and a balance of £22 19s 2d remained in hand above the amount of the invested funds. A motion was then brought under the notice of Grand Lodge by Prov. G. Treasurer, to devote the sum of £123 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, in order to qualify the Province as Vice President of each Fund of that Institution; and, being seconded by the D. Prov. G. Master, was carried unanimously. The Prov. G. Treasurer was authorised to pay the amount at once. The various Lodges then presented their returns, and a sum of £167 4s for dues was handed in. The Committee appointed to frame laws for a Provincial Charity Committee were re-elected, with the addition to their number of Bro. Marwood. The following brethren were appointed by the Prov. Grand Master as Officers for the year:—J. W. Taylor P.M. 200 Scarborough Prov. G. S.W., W. H. Rose P.M. 660 J.W., R. M. Taylor 643 Chaplain, Henry Green P.M. 630 Registrar, M. C. Peck P.M. 1040 Secretary, Thomas Thompson P.M. 57 S.D., G. Ayre P.M. 1416 J.D., W. F. Falkingbridge 312 S. of W., F. Foster P.M. 1248 D. of C., J. Field P.M. 613 S.W. B., C. W. Cheesman W.M. 1605 Organist, J. Walls 236 Pursuivant, F. J. Lambert 1010 Tyler, R. W. Hollon P.M. 236 and 1611 re-elected Treasurer. The following Lodges were named as entitled to each nominate a Steward for the year, viz.:—Minerva 250, Constitutional 294, Lion 312, Cleveland 543, Zetland 561, and St. Germain 566.

The Provincial G. Master stated that he had received an invitation for next year's meeting from the Old Globe Lodge, Scarborough, and he had great pleasure in accepting it. The next year's meeting would therefore be held at Scarborough. He offered thanks to the Lord Mayor of York, for the cordial manner in which he had received them, and placed the Guildhall and Mansion House at their disposal. He likewise thanked the Worshipful Master (Bro. J. S. Cumberland) and the brethren of the Eboracum Lodge, York, 1611, for their hospitable reception, and for the very excellent arrangements which had been made for the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. As to the position of the Craft in the Province, the Provincial Grand Master added that they had cause for congratulation, in the large assemblage on that occasion. He likewise congratulated them on the prosperity and perfect harmony that prevailed throughout the Province. He had just received an application for the formation of a new Lodge in Middlesbrough, which spoke for itself, notwithstanding the great depression which existed throughout the country, and perhaps more so in that particular district than in any other part of the kingdom, of the prosperity of Freemasonry. It was a cause for congratulation also that they had passed the grant to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons, for it was one from which they had on several occasions received no small share of benefit. This concluding the business of Provincial Grand Lodge the brethren were formed in procession and proceeded, headed by the band of the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, to the Cathedral, where divine service was held. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. L. W. Heath, M.A., who founded his discourse on Ephesians 4—16—"From whom the whole body fitly joined together, and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body into the edifying of itself in love." In the course of an appropriate sermon, he observed that St. Paul, in another place, spoke of having laid the foundation of his work as a wise builder, and now he spoke of how the building should be completed and joined together. The text was a just representation of the Church of Christ, and was at the same time an admirable illustration of the principles of Modern Masonry as they knew it, and the only end and object of their practice. He would not attempt to review any of the various theories concerning the origin or organisation of Masonry, its usages, practices, or celebrations in

the earliest ages, but good reason had they to be proud of their fathers in the Craft as they sat in that public temple, the result of their work. Let them think of the grandeur of conception, the skill of execution, the patient elaboration of every detail, above all of the religious fervour which he believed animated all who were honoured by participating in the work, that the purpose of their labour was to glorify God and to do good to their fellow men, and then say if they of the present day had not cause to congratulate themselves that they were the representatives of those who labour had embellished the world with imperishable and unapproachable evidences of genius and perseverance. He used the word unapproachable, for was it not a fact that, notwithstanding the enormous strides which had been made in almost every department of art and science, nothing new in architectural science or operative Masoury had been originated since those days. It would seem as if the genius of their brethren in those times had utilised and exhausted every source of beauty and design suggested by nature, adopted it to their art, and had left subsequent generations the secondary task of imitation and restoration. The glory of God was the mainspring of their labours then, and let them now try to carry out those practices which contributed to the spiritual temple of which Christ was the head and chief cornerstone. There were those, as they knew, who, taking their own view of Masoury from the wild, fantastic, and degrading practices of the heathen nations, had attempted to condemn the system as recognised by themselves, but they believed that primitive Masoury was nothing more than the practice of those simple, moral precepts which were enjoyed by a religion pure as it came from God and unadulterated by the innovations of man, and such they claimed to be the principle of their present system. He firmly believed that if Masoury was not religion, it was an auxiliary to it, and that the society, as now constituted, might greatly assist its progress in the world. One writer had said that inasmuch as Christianity was local, that is, not being spread over the whole world, and their creed was universal, that was, bringing into one fraternity people of all colour, of every clime and creed, it might be made the pioneer of a great Christian fraternity. And were they not justified in such hopes? Proceeding, the rev. brother maintained that Masoury was conducive to good order and good government, loyalty to God and the sovereign, to the practice of every domestic virtue, and to the exercise of benevolence and charity. It had, he went on to say, been objected that there was a non-reality and foolishness in the free use they made of symbols. He admitted that their system was illustrated by signs and symbols, but he maintained that their use was of no light origin. The Bible was full of these illustrations of teaching, and everyone in the Tabernacle pointed to Christ. The square, the level, the plumbline, each possessed a distinct moral lesson, and every sign and symbol they used was a lecture to all thoughtful minds, reminding them of their mortality and of their immortality. In conclusion he observed that the objects for which he was requested to plead were two-fold. The result of their liberality would be equally divided between the sick and poor of their fraternity and the Minster Restoration Fund. Their sick and poor claimed in the first place their attention. He need not remind them of the exceptional distress which existed, and which he feared would be still more felt in the approaching season. Sacrifices were demanded, and many had been made, but he trusted this would not induce them to diminish ought of their gifts. To assist the afflicted and relieve the distress was an obligation they had acknowledged, and he urged them to make that an opportunity of faithfully fulfilling it. The other half would be added to the fund for the restoration of that noble temple in which they had been offering their praise and thanksgiving, and surely it would be no small incentive to their liberality as Masons to contribute to the restoration of an edifice of such beauty, which centuries ago so worthily engaged the skill and intelligent patience of their brethren of the craft. At the close of the sermon a collection, which realised £25 13s 6d, was made on behalf of the objects mentioned, and the service was then brought to a conclusion. As the brethren left the cathedral Dr. Monk played one of Sir F. A. G. Ouseley's finest voluntaries. The procession was subsequently reformed, and, headed by the Dragoons' band, returned to the Guild-hall, where votes of thanks were passed to the Lord Mayor of York for his kindness and hospitality, to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral, to Dr. Monk for his musical arrangements, to the Officers of the 4th Dragoon Guards for the presence of their magnificent band, and to the Eboracum Lodge for their splendid reception. The ode "Now the evening shadows closing," was sung, and the Grand Lodge was formally closed.

At five p.m. the R.W. Prov. G.M. held a levée in an ante-room at the De Grey Rooms, and Masters of Lodges and Visitors were introduced to him by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.P.G.D.C. At 5.30 a banquet was held in the large room, to which nearly 200 brethren sat down, presided over by his Lordship, who was supported by his Deputy, the Chaplain, the Lord Mayor of York, and many distinguished brethren. At the conclusion of the banquet, and after grace had been said, the Chairman proposed the usual loyal and other toasts. In giving the army, navy, and auxiliary forces the Earl announced that a telegram had just reached him, announcing the capture of the Zulu King, this he was pleased to be in a position to announce to the assembly, as it would virtually end the war in South Africa. Major T. B. Shaw-Hellier (4th Dragoon Guards) replied. To the toast of the Grand Officers Bro. Hollon P.G. Sw. B. replied, and was followed by Bro. Dr. Pearson Bell, who proposed the health of the Prov. Grand Master. It was a toast he felt assured would meet the most hearty reception, whenever he had the opportunity of visiting any of the Lodges of the Province, the toast of the Earl of Zetland was always drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. The brethren could but be pleased at the way in which the affairs of the Province were carried out, he considered the Prov. G.M. had fully justified the prediction that was made five-and-a-half years ago when he was installed. As Masons the brethren revered the name of the Earl, as Yorkshiremen they loved it, and one and all trusted he would long reign over them as Master of the Masonic Province which his ancestors had governed for the past four generations. The toast was most heartily received. The Earl

in replying, tendered his thanks to Bro. Bell and the brethren for the way in which his health had been toasted. The reception he had met with that day brought back to his memory the time when, just over five years since, he was installed as Master of the Province. Looking back, he saw much to congratulate the Province on, which he felt was not owing to anything he had individually done, but to the kind and hearty support he had always met with. Bro. Tew D. P. Grand Master West Yorkshire was entrusted with the next toast—the Deputy of the Province, Bro. Dr. J. Pearson Bell. Bro. Tew referred to the support rendered by Bro. Bell to the Prov. G. Master in all matters which were brought under the notice of the Craft in the District. For thirteen years Bro. Bell had fulfilled the duties of Deputy faithfully and zealously; the more one saw of him, the more was he appreciated. Bro. Tew concluded by wishing Bro. Bell success in his efforts on behalf of the Charities, and hoped that West Yorkshire would always co-operate with the North and East Ridings, in this important branch of Freemasonry. Bro. Bell, after thanking the brethren, referred seriatim to the remarks of Bro. Tew, and gave his ideas on the same. He was not, he said, so fortunately circumstanced as to be able to visit the various Lodges, as often as he could wish, nor as frequently as Bro. Tew had pointed out was necessary. For himself, he always desired to treat West Yorkshire as a big brother, and he had ever entertained feelings of the most cordial nature towards them. Lord Zetland then gave the health of the Mayor of York. The brethren were very much indebted to him for the way in which he had received them. He (the Earl) had never seen a more successful meeting, or witnessed arrangements better carried out, than they had been by the brethren of York, who had provided everything it was possible to think of for the comfort of their guests. The Mayor, in reply, stated that he very pleased to be able to assist in the welcome of the brethren of the Province. The civil rulers of the city were proverbial for their hospitality, and he hoped to maintain the prestige that had accrued in years gone by. The Earls of Zetland had been long connected with the city, and any mayor would be proud to entertain a member of the Zetland family. The toast of the newly appointed Provincial Grand Officers was acknowledged by the Grand Reg. Bro. Bell next proposed the health of the W.M. of the Eboracum Lodge, Bro. J. S. Cumberland. He considered it a great honour to introduce the name of this brother. He would couple with the toast, "Prosperity to the Lodge." The way in which the Lord Mayor had acted had been most praiseworthy, but the work of entertaining had really been undertaken by the W.M. and brethren of the Eboracum Lodge, who were one and all entitled to the heartiest thanks. Bro. Cumberland in reply thanked the officials of Prov. G. Lodge for the compliment they had paid the Lodge of which he was master in having accepted their invitation. If what the brethren had done met the approval of their guests they were amply repaid. He trusted his Lodge would continue to prosper and ever maintain that straight line of Masonic conduct it had hitherto fulfilled. Bro. Bell proposed the Masonic Charities, to which Bro. Terry replied. "The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Sir James Meek, and replied to by Bro. Tew. Bro. Cumberland gave "The Ladies," and was speedily followed by the Tyler.

An important feature in the day's proceedings was the arrangements that had been made to give the ladies an opportunity of a few hours enjoyment in connection with the Masonic meeting. Accordingly, at 8.30, the tables were cleared, and the ladies were admitted to a concert of vocal music, the executants being Miss Emily Marshall, Bros. C. Blagborough, J. S. Cumberland, O. Marshall, J. E. Wilkinson, Geo. C. Lee, Thos. Cumberland, Thos. Humphries, &c., Bro. Herr C. G. Padel accompanying on the piano. The room was crowded with brethren and ladies, and the applause testified to the delight experienced. At 11 p.m. the Earl of Zetland retired, and dancing was commenced to the music of Toes's Band, and was kept up with great spirit for some hours. The room was decorated with Masonic banners, emblems, and curiosities, contributed by the Eboracum Lodge 1611, and the York Lodge No. 236, amongst the most notable of the latter's being the banner of the extinct Grand Lodge of All England once held at York, and of the former the new banner that has just been provided for the Lodge. Great credit is due to the designers, and praise to the artist who has so faithfully reproduced their ideas.

Broadley Mark Lodge, No. 248 E.C.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, Malta, on the 13th September, when the W.M.M. Brother C. E. Coffey, also the W.P.G.M.M. Bro. Broadley, W.M.M. Bro. W. Read, and a large number of Mark Masters were present. The W.M.M., after opening his Lodge, vacated the chair in favour of the W.P.G.M.M. Brother Broadley, who advanced a brother to the degree of Mark Master in a most impressive manner, and to the admiration of all present. W.M.M. Bro. Coffey having resumed the chair, tendered his warmest acknowledgments, coupled with those of the members of the Broadley Lodge, to the P.G.M.M.M. for acceding to their request that the Lodge might bear his name, as well as for his kindness in working the degree in the splendid manner he had done. The P.G.M.M.M. in replying, said he deeply felt the honour the brethren had conferred on him in naming their Lodge after him; he experienced great satisfaction in being with them on this occasion, and complimented the Officers on their admirable working, after which W.M.M. Bro. Coffey closed the Lodge in due form.

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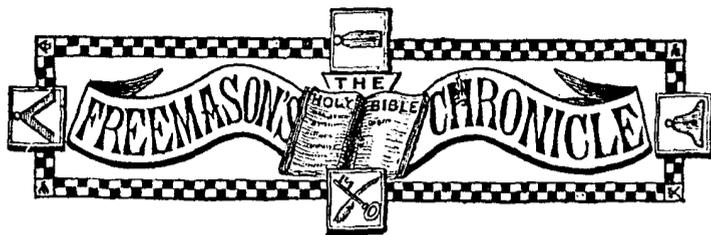
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DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF MALTA.

THE half-yearly Communication of this District Grand Lodge was held on the 16th September, at the Masonic Hall, Valetta. Present:—Worshipful Bros. A. M. Broadley D.D.G.M. as P.G.M. on the throne, Thomas Fellowes Reade P.D.D.G.M. of Egypt, and Political Agent and Consul General of H. B. Majesty in the Regency of Tunis, Rotherham D.G.S.W. as D.D.G.M., Lieut. Coffey, R.A., D.G.J.W. as D.G.S.W., Riechelmann P.D.G.J.W. as D.G.J.W., Dahn D.G. Registrar, Westrup and Read P.D.G. Registrars, Second D.G. Treas.; Bros. J. W. Starkey D.G. Sec., Jones D.G.S.D., Crabtree D.G.J.D., the D.G.D. of C. Capt. Blake R.A., Superintendent of Works, Capt. Mortimer D.G. Sword Bearer, the D.G. Standard Bearer, Major Ewing D.G. Organist, King, Stanley, Cummings, Miller Stewards, and Beck D.G. Tyler, together with over forty members of the Lodges 349, 407, and 515, and numerous Visitors belonging both to the Irish and Scotch Constitutions, forming one of the most numerous attended D.G. Lodges on record. D.G. Lodge having been opened in due form the usual honours were given to the D.D.G.M. and Bro. Reade P.D.D.G.M. of Egypt. The minutes of the communication held on the 10th April last, as well as those of the Board of General Purposes of the 15th of September, were read and confirmed. The D.D.G.M. then referred to the presence in D.G.L. of their illustrious visitor, W. Bro. T. F. Reade P.D.D.G.M. for Egypt, who was now on his way from Smyrna to fill the important post of British Agent and Consul General in the Regency of Tunis, alluding at the same time to the invaluable services he had rendered in the past to English Freemasonry in the East, while acting for two years as W.M. of the Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068, at Cairo, and then as D.D.G.M. of Egypt, under H.R.H. R.W. Bro. Halim Pasha, the enlightened and talented uncle of the late Viceroy. An address of congratulation had been prepared for presentation to W. Bro. Reade on his arrival in the district, and duly signed by the principal Officers of D.G. Lodge. This address was then read by the D.G. Sec., and presented to Bro. Reade, who expressed in feeling terms his acknowledgments for the fraternal reception accorded him by the Malta brethren, whom he assured that no exertion would be wanting on his part to aid the D.D.G.M. in his efforts for the welfare of the Craft in the District, and above all for the continued prosperity of the two Lodges in the country to which he was now journeying (applause). The D.D.G.M. said he could not hope to discharge his duties in the way they were accustomed to in the D.G.M. He had sent a telegram containing fraternal greetings to R.W. Bro. Kingston, now in England, and who had recently sat as P.G.M. in the Communication of U.G. Lodge. He dwelt on the peculiar interest in the District caused by the opening of the "William Kingston" Lodge, No. 1835, at the Goletta, in the Regency of Tunis—a Lodge called after their zealous and popular D.G.M., and working on the site of Ancient Carthage and the warfare of the Knights of Malta in the Middle Ages. He trusted the general prosperity of Freemasonry, both within and without the District would continue, and that one and all of those present would unite with the D.G.M. in upholding the ancient prestige of the Craft in the island of Malta. The P.G. Sec. rose and read congratulatory telegrams from the W.M. elect and Wardens of Lodge No. 1717, at Tunis, and from the W.M. and Wardens of Lodge No. 1835, at the Goletta. These fraternal messages were much appreciated by the brethren present. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from P.D.D.G.M. Bro. Rosenbusch and others. The Acting D.G. Chaplain having offered up prayer, D.G. Lodge was duly closed in ancient form. The brethren then withdrew to a banquet, under the presidency of the D.D.G.M., supported by the Grand Officers, and having W. Bro. Reade on his right. The usual loyal toasts having been given, the Acting D.D.G.M. Bro. Rotherham proposed, in most cordial and commendatory terms, the health of the D.D.G.M. Bro. Broadley. The toast having been enthusiastically received, that brother returned thanks, and proposed the health of the Visitors, coupling with it the name of W. Bro. Reade, their illustrious Visitor. W. Bro. Reade thanked the brethren at some length, and expressed his earnest wish to promote the interest of pure English Masonry in the country where his revered father, Sir Thomas Reade, had laboured for more than a quarter of a century. The Tyler's toast brought a very agreeable evening to a close shortly before midnight.

ROYAL ARK MASONRY IN MALTA.

A Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, named the Saint Elmo Lodge, has been formed at Malta, under the auspices of the "Broadley" Mark Lodge. The first meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, on 9th September, when the W.M.M. of the "Broadley" Lodge, Bro. Lieut. Charles Edward Coffey, R.A., was installed as W.C.N. of the new Lodge by Bro. Chev. Edward Rosenbusch and Bro. Capt. Charles John Blake, R.A. Seventeen Mark Masters were afterwards advanced to the degree of Royal Ark Mariners, from among whom the W.C.N. named the officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year. Lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF TUNIS AND MALTA.

THE installation of the R.W.P.G.M.M. of this Province, as well as the inaugural meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, took place at the Masonic Hall, Malta, on the 11th September 1879. The oldest Mark Lodge in the province, "Keystone," No. 107, was opened by Bro. W. Read W.M.M. at 7.30 p.m. precisely. The Lodge Room was completely filled by the Mark Masters of the Province. Amongst those present were W. Bros. Rotherham and Westrop P.M.M.'s 107, Lieut. Coffey, R.A., W.M.M. 248, Rev. J. K. Lothbridge P.P.G. Chaplain of Cornwall, Chevalier Edward Rosenbusch, C.E., P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Colonel Carey, R.A., Major Ewing, Professor H. Stilon, A. Tagliaferro, J. W. Starkey D.G. Sec., J. Segond D.G. Treas., W. J. Jones, C.E., Captain A. Finch Noyes, Fleet Surgeon J. Flanagan, Captain C. J. Blake, R.A., Surgeon Major Mackinnon, Captain A. T. Chapman, Lieut. G. W. Freeman, Surgeon H. Grier, Captain C. E. Mortimer, Surgeon J. Walker, Assist-Commissary R. F. King, Lieut. G. H. McLaughlin R.A., R. P. Miller, J. A. Matthews, S. G. Yeoman, J. May, W. Farquharson, E. Blanch, R. Price, T. A. Birmingham, S. Hacoue, R. Beck, and other members of Lodges 107 and 248. Bros. Lippett, Davison, Fenech, D. Cooper, D. W. Jackson, J. C. Stanley, T. Jones and W. Taylor P.M., Visitors from the Irish Mark Lodge "Leinster," No. 387, and Bro. J. C. Toogood, a Visitor from a Chapter under the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the summons convoking the meeting was read. On an alarm being given that the P.G.M. was without and demanded to be installed, the patent of appointment was duly read, as well as a letter from the Grand Mark Secretary conveying Lord Skelmersdale's authority to Bro. Read to perform the ceremony. The P.G.M. elect was conducted to the east by P.M.M.'s Westrup and Rotherham, preceded by the P.G. Sword Bearer, and followed by the P.G. Banner Bearer and P.G. Stewards. The obligation was then administered to W. Bro. Broadley, who was afterwards inducted by W. Bro. Read into the chair of P.G.M. The D. of C. having made the usual proclamation, the P.G.M. was saluted in ancient form. The P.G.M. appointed Bro. Richard Westrup P.M.M. 107 his Deputy, who took the oath appertaining to that office. The P.G.M. then made the following appointments in P.G. Lodge:—Wor. Bros. W. Read 107 G.S.W., G. Pentecost 222 G.J.W., Chev. E. Rosenbusch 222 G.Reg., C. E. Coffey 248 G. Sec., Bros. W. Watson 107 G.M.O., Dr. A. Perini 222 G.S.O., W. J. Jones 248 G.J.O., Rev. G. N. Godwin 248 G. Chaplain, Professor Souiller 222 Assist. G. Sec., P. M. Paleologo 222 G.S.D., Capt. Blake, R.A., 248 G.J.D., Capt. Beechey 30° 107 G.D. of C., R. F. King 248 G. Assist. D. of C., Professor Clement 222 G. Superintendent of Works, E. Grebboll 107 Standard Bearer, R. P. Miller 107 Sword Bearer, H. Stilon 248 G.I.G., Major Ewing 248 G. Organist, Talin de la Tunisie 222, L. Curletto 222, A. Tagliaferro 248, and S. G. Yeoman 107, Stewards. Bros. J. Segond and R. Beck were elected Grand Treasurer and Grand Tyler of the province, and invested accordingly. The P.G.M. announced that the first duty which devolved on him was to formally consecrate the "Broadley Lodge," No. 248, and called on the Secretary to read the petition and warrant. This being done, he pronounced the following Oration, as Consecrating Officer of the new Lodge:—

MARK MASTER MASONS OF THE PROVINCE OF TUNIS AND MALTA,-- We are assembled here this evening for the purpose of inaugurating the Grand Mark Lodge of this Province, and at the same time consecrating, as an addition to its muster-roll, Lodge No. 348, upon which the kindly feelings of its founders have bestowed my name. The formation of this Provincial Mark Lodge on the classic soil of Ancient Carthage on the one hand, and the last residence of the Knights of St. John on the other, may perhaps have an interest for Mark Master Masons beyond the boundaries of the district itself; indeed, it is difficult to imagine any given combination of localities which could afford more food for the study and contemplation of the thoughtful brother, than the two countries comprised in this United Province. Our imagination may well carry us back through the vista of centuries to the distant epoch when the immediate descendants of the operative masons of Tyre, "going westwards," reared on the shores of North Africa that magnificent metropolis which for a time ruled the ancient world, and then pass from the consideration of their labours to the more recent period when, under Roman rulers, masons of the Roman College of Artificers raised on the same site a second city which vied in architectural splendour with the Phœnician capital, upon the ruins of which it was erected. Turning to the part of the Province in which we now stand, the eye rests on the varied proofs of the cunning and skill of that great Military Order, the customs of which (to say the least) have offered a model for ceremonies, and laid the foundation of one of the most interesting degrees of Christian Masonry. It will be impossible for me, on this occasion, to trace in detail the history of the Mark Degree, still more to show its historical connection with this Province, to which I firmly believe it has of late years been merely restored. The practice of the Mark begins, doubtless, in the earliest days of Operative Masonry, when Guilds of Tyrian workmen, under Tyrian overseers, built the Temple of King Solomon, and when their descendants constructed the walls, and citadels, and harbours of Carthage. The "Marks" of these early Masons abound in the deep, buried remains of the Phœnician City, which now lie under the accumulated rubbish of more than two thousand years; they were perpetuated by the Roman occupants of the ancient site, and have descended to the operations of the Moslem conquerors, whose victorious flag has waved for ten centuries over all that remains of the cities of Hannibal and Hamilcar, of Cato and Scipio. The city gates of Tunis still bear distinctive marks, familiar to every one now present. The history of Masonry, in its most general sense, may, I think, be truly described as operative in its birth, partly operative and partly speculative in its growth, and purely speculative in its maturity. The Degree of the Mark was from the first an essential constituent of operative Masonry. It was, doubtless, worked from

time immemorial in the operative Lodges of Scotland, as well as in the old semi-operative Lodges of England and other countries deriving from us the origin of their Masonic systems. The Mark Degree forms an integral part of the pure and recognised Masonry of Ireland, Scotland, and the United States. In Scotland, even as early as 1598, the annals of Masonry abound in allusions to the Mark Degree, and in England it was worked in many Lodges meeting under one or other of the two Constitutions, as well as in others acknowledging the supremacy of the Grand Lodge at York. By the articles of union between the rival Grand Lodges in 1813, the Mark Degree was excluded from, or, perhaps more correctly, not included in, the symbolical teaching of the Craft. In spite, however, of the new regulations the Mark was still extensively worked in many Lodges, and flourished more especially in the north and midland districts of England. About a quarter of a century ago the attention of the Masonic world in general was drawn to this anomalous state of things, and more particularly to some Lodges having obtained charters from the Supreme Chapter of Scotland. A rigorous attempt was made to obtain the recognition of the degree by the Grand Lodge of England, and on this effort failing the Grand Mark Lodge was established, having, according to the precedent afforded by the history of the Royal Arch, exclusive jurisdiction over the degree of the Mark. To discuss to-day, any longer, the origin of this Grand Lodge is entirely useless. A Grand Lodge is nothing more nor less than a union of several Lodges which vest in one the power which each formerly had separately, and any possible flaw in its original constitution is condoned by the adhesion of the lawful Lodges it has received. The "time immemorial" Lodges throughout the country, as well as those originally holding warrants from Scotland, have almost unanimously acknowledged its supremacy, and it now numbers 250 Lodges on its muster-roll, which is, as a matter of fact, numerically stronger than that of the Craft Grand Orient of France and Italy, and many other Grand Lodges on the Continent. We find our Mark Grand Lodge to-day recognised as a legitimate governing body of the degree by the Supreme Royal Arch Chapters of Ireland, Canada, Quebec, and many of the American States, and it is my agreeable task to inform you that, on the 18th June last, the Grand Chapter of Scotland resolved unanimously to acknowledge the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales as lawful and supreme throughout those countries, and to refrain from henceforth granting any charters for Mark Lodges within its home jurisdiction. Thus, my brethren, we have the satisfaction of knowing that our Mark Masters will be recognised, and our certificates respected wherever the Mark Degree exists. I would feign say something of the illustrious rulers of the Mark Grand Lodge (one of whom, Lord Carnarvon, became a K.T. in this very hall); of the admirable working of its various departments; of its fast increasing Benevolent Fund, and its excellent scheme for assisting to educate the children of Mark Masters; but time will not permit me. As to the intrinsic worth of the degree itself, suffice it to say that its rapid progress is the best proof of its merits. Not only do we find in it practical illustrations of the truths taught as in other degrees, but it abounds with appropriate lessons for our use in daily life. This Province has had the privilege of introducing the speculative Mark Degree, and the rule of the Mark Grand Lodge of England, amongst foreign brethren of many nationalities and many languages in the Regency of Tunis, and I see in their keen appreciation of its eloquent teachings, homely illustrations, and striking lessons, yet another attestation to its value, and though necessity has sometimes compelled me to employ the medium of four languages in a single evening, I have never heard any candidate do otherwise than express himself gratified with the ceremony of his advancement. Your recommendation and the approval of the M.W.G.M.M. has called me to the rule of this honourable degree in this Province, and I can only trust the progress it is destined to make in our midst will be commensurate with its rapidly increasing appreciation at the hands of the Craft at large. The inauguration of this Provincial Grand Lodge has brought with it the consecration of our third subordinate Mark Lodge. I feel sure both the one and the other has the best wishes of every Mark Master present. I trust my assiduity for the best interests of the degree in this Province will justify the recommendation you made in my favour. The time seems to be approaching when each Craft Lodge will have a Mark Lodge attached to it, and we venture to hope the United Grand Lodge of England will feel justified in extending its recognition to the Mark Degree under its own particular government as a portion of "pure and ancient Masonry." May the activity of the Mark Masters of Tunis and Malta contribute to the general spread of Mark Masonry throughout the world. We cannot assist this end better than by carrying out in practice, as well as in theory, the principles of humility, uprightness, self-control, and universal benevolence inculcated in the Mark Degree:—

The well known sign we mark and fly
The wound to heal—to still the sigh,
And wipe the tear from sorrow's eye;
For our's the aim is, our's the art
To meliorate the human heart,
Of wild desires to stem the flood,
And act as if of kindred blood.

On the conclusion of the Oration an anthem was sung by a choir trained under the direction of the P.G. Organist Major Ewing. The pedestal was then uncovered, and the consecrating elements were carried round the Lodge in procession, an appropriate verse being sung on each occasion by the brethren. The Lodge was then duly incensed by the acting P.G. Chaplain, and finally dedicated and consecrated to the purposes of Mark Masonry. The P.G.M. then delivered their respective collars of office to each of the officers of the new Lodge, and offered his congratulations to Bro. W. Coffey on his appointment. Bro. Coffey having returned thanks, the work of P.G. Lodge was resumed, and Bros. Rotherham (P.M.M. 107) and Major Ewing elected as members of the Board of General Purposes. The report of the Board was read and adopted, the statement of accounts passed,

and the proposed by-laws approved of and ordered to be printed. The P.G.M. ordered that a charitable collection be made to form the nucleus of a Charity Fund. The collection amounted to £2 9s. The P.G.L. was closed in ancient form. The P.G.M. then retired, and the "Keystone" Lodge was closed by W. Bro. Read. A banquet took place afterwards, under the presidency of the P.G.M., supported by his officers and the brethren of the various lodges in the Province. The usual loyal and obligatory toasts having been given, the P.G. Registrar Bro. Rosenbusch (P.D.D.G.M.), in laudatory terms proposed the health of the P.G. Master, who returned thanks. The following toasts were then duly honoured, the D.P.G.M., the Grand Officers, the P.M.M.'s of the Keystone Lodge, coupled with the health of W. Bro. Kingston (D.G.M. Craft), at present absent from Malta, and the Grand Organist, whose indefatigable exertions had rendered the ceremonies in G.L. so completely successful. The toasts of the Grand Chapters of Ireland and Scotland were enthusiastically received and responded to by Bros. Taylor P.M. and Toogood. The festival was brought to a close by the parting toast, given by the P.G. Tyler. The banner of the P.G.L. (presented to it by the P.G.M.) was much admired, as well as the swords used by the G. Sword Bearer and I.G. They both belonged to former Beys of Tunis, and are incased in massive chased scabbards of beautiful design and bear the principal emblem of the R.A. degree. The incense burner and receptacle for oil used in the Consecration ceremony were also notable specimens of Tunisian silver work of the 17th century. The brethren separated shortly before midnight, with a very keen appreciation of the complete success of the day's proceedings, the recollection of which will always remain as one of the pleasantest memories connected with Masonry in Malta.

CONSECRATION OF THE SHEPHERD'S BUSH LODGE, No. 1828.

THIS ceremony took place on Monday, at the Richmond Hotel, Shepherd's Bush-road. The new Lodge is an offshoot of the Ranelagh No. 834, which has on its roll several brethren who are desirous of obtaining office, but in consequence of the great number of its members, the chance for young aspirants is very remote, that is if regard be paid to the claim of seniority in the selection of its future officers. Accordingly, several brethren of this district determined to apply for a new warrant, which in due course was granted by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on the petition of the following brethren:—Lewis Bryett, Alfred B. Baker, George Harrison, Alfred C. Alais, Richard Josey, Robert W. Blacklin, Peter Burton, William Game, John M. Pierpoint, Richard Pierpoint, and William Williams. The privilege of representing the G.M. on this occasion devolved on Bro. Terry, Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden Hertfordshire, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, &c., whose services in the cause of Freemasonry are so numerous and varied as to render him, perhaps, the most popular Consecrating Officer the Craft has ever known; indeed, the fact of his having similarly officiated at over one hundred such gatherings is an event unparalleled in the history of the Craft, and is a compliment which proves that his efforts are appreciated by the Masonic body at large. On Monday he was assisted by Bro. Clarke Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies Suffolk, who displayed his well-known ability as M.C. to the satisfaction of all present; Bro. Rev. Ambrose W. Hall P.P.G. Chaplain, P.P.S.G.W. Surrey, who acted as Chaplain, G. W. Dixon P.M. 209, 855, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, and John O. Carter P.M. 209, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, who respectively filled the chairs of Senior and Junior Warden, while Bro. Samuel H. Parkhouse W.M. of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, who had supported the petition, acted as I.G. There was a goodly array of Visitors, amongst whom we noticed W. J. Murlis P.M. 1489, 1642, J. J. Michael P.M. 1732, John Tuck 834, Thos. Knowles P.M. 834, Thos. Hancock S.W. 1767, J. W. Barker J.W. 1767, G. P. Cook 193, J. Baker 511, Robt. King 1642, C. E. Williams W.M. 1767, T. F. Knight-Smith W.M. 1441, J. T. Woodstock P.M. 749, E. M. Lauder S.W. 1642, S. Lichtwitz 1642, S. Millis P.M. 157, C. Cordingley 45, G. P. Festa 834, George Read 1767, G. C. Symons W.M. 45, A. B. Morgan 1287, S. Smout jun. J.D. 1642, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, J. B. Churchill P.M. 1017, Macrao Moir P.M. 66, J. Ringwood 834, A. Barfield P.M. 511, George J. Eames 511, J. Avery W.M. 511, H. Shaw S.W. 834, H. W. Blako 834, W. Pierpoint I.G. 813, T. W. Cooper S.W. 538, Thomas Handwer 733, H. Sadler G. Treasurer, J. T. Breitbart 511. At the time appointed, Bro. Clarke speedily marshalled the brethren, and the Lodge-room was entered. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the Presiding Officer explained the occasion that had brought the brethren together. The Chaplain offered prayer, and then the acting Secretary read the petition and warrant. The members having approved of those selected to conduct the new Lodge, the Chaplain was called upon, and he addressed the brethren as follows:—On such an occasion as this, when the light of Masonry is about to spread its bright beams by the dedication of another Lodge to the glory of the G.A.O.T.U., and, we trust, to the benefit of the brethren in general; and when another repository of those truths and mysteries which we, as Masons, are proud to call ours, is to be added to the many already existing; and when the Consecrating Chaplain is requested to address a few words to the brethren on the nature, principles, and duties of our Order, he cannot, I think, do better than carry you back in thought to those early days before the erection of the Temple at Jerusalem, when King David, rising up in a vast assembly of the Israelites, told them what God had communicated to him as regarded his son. "Solomon, thy son, he shall build My house and my courts." And, turning to his son, he added, "Be strong and of good courage, fear not nor be dismayed, for the Lord God, even my God will be with thee, He will not fail thee nor forsake thee until thou hast finished all thy work." Brethren, you this day are building a temple likewise, it is true not like the gorgeous one your great prototype erected, but you are building a symbolical temple, and although it does not contain treasures so precious to the ancient

Israelites, such as the golden candlesticks, the showbread, the pot of manna, the altar of incense, the ark of the covenant, and the mercy-seat overshadowed by angels' wings, yet it does contain mysteries and teachings which it will be yours to preserve and guard when your new Lodge, dedicated and blessed, is handed over to you, its founders, in the purity of its early Masonic life. Yours will be a sacred trust, for to you will be confided truths that good men and Masons have treasured up in the safe repository of their hearts from ages past, and which it will be yours to guard also, that ages to come may benefit by those teachings which cheered our forefathers, and which to the present day serve to gladden us. You will do this by letting your Masonic light shine through the great principles of the Order, by the exercise of brotherly love; that is, by regarding all men, whether in or out of Masonry, as children of an Almighty Father, created for the mutual help and support of each other. By Relief, a feeling which as Masons should be more particularly ours, of sympathizing with the misfortunes of the unhappy, of compassion for the miserable, and of endeavouring to give peace to the troubled heart. Of Truth, that great principle of all by which we may so regulate our lives as to pass through the world without deceit or guile, doing unto others as we would they should do unto us. These, my brethren, are the great principles of our Society, but in addition to these you have work to do in your Lodge; to-day you are about to bring into life a band of brothers, who are to meet from time to time in tones of social intercourse, and who will have to do Masonic work, to instruct the younger members through our symbolic rites and ceremonies, and as you do this well or ill, so will your Lodge rise or fall, so will it flourish or decay; but when I look around upon the eminent and energetic Masons, who are its founders and upholders, its bulwarks and battlements, I feel sure that there is good time before the "Shepherd's Bush Lodge"—that their sound working and teaching will in due course give it a foremost place in the Masonic world, and this is saying a good deal, when we consider that on the consecration of this Lodge there will be no less than 1828 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. But, brethren, I do not forget that to-day there is much to do, and that time presses. I feel, therefore, I should detain you no longer, but draw my address to its close, assuring you that if good wishes avail aught you have mine in their heartiest and stoutest sense for the success of your new undertaking. May the mantle of King Solomon rest (so to speak) upon you, that you too may make known the great truths which he promulgated, and which form the fundamental teachings of Masonry. And at any time when good, kind thoughts spring up in your hearts, do not let them lie there hidden, but think them, or, I should more properly say,—speak them aloud for the benefit of others. And, above all, in the working of your Lodge, never forget the presence of the G.A.O.T.U.; for, believe me, brethren, He is always with you, and His All-seeing Eye is upon you, whether you ask His blessing, or seek His aid; and for this remember what David said to Solomon:—"My son, know thou the God of thy fathers, and serve him with a perfect heart, and a willing mind, for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth every imagination of the thoughts. If thou seek him, he will be found of thee, but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever." With these words I will conclude, first, by thanking you heartily for the attention you have been good enough to pay to my brief address; and then by assuring you that if only one word of mine has had the good effect I wish it, my visit here to-day will be another bright spot upon my already long Masonic life. Go then, brothers, to your respective duties, and show to Masons, and to the outer world as well, that you—

"Serve your God by doing good,
Be your benevolence understood
By good deeds.

"Be it your life's toil cares to smother,
And to brighten eyes now dim,
Kindness done to one another
God accepts as done, my brother, unto Him."

The order of the ceremony of Consecration, from the frequency of its repetition of late, is well known to most London brethren; on this occasion it was carefully carried out, the musical portion being under the direction of Bro. Knight-Smith W.M. 1441, and in due course the W.M. elect was presented for the benefit of installation. Bro. Terry having duly obligated Bro. Lewis Bryett, who had been selected for the position, placed him in the chair with accustomed ceremony. The Officers for the coming year were then appointed, as follows:—Bros. A. B. Baker P.M. 834 S.W., George Harrison J.W., W. Game P.M. Treas., Alfred C. Alais P.M. Sec., Richard Pierpoint S.D., Richard Josey J.D., Peter Burton I.G., John M. Pierpoint D.C., Robert W. Blacklin and William Williams Stewards. The charge to the Master was given by Bro. Terry, Bro. Clarke gave that to the Wardens, and Bro. Terry then concluded by addressing the members. The first act of the new Lodge was to thank the Consecrating Officer and those brethren who had assisted him in the labours of the day, and on the proposition of the W.M., Bros. Terry, Clarke, Ambrose Hall, Dixon, Carter, and Parkhouse were elected honorary members. This compliment was acknowledged by Bro. Terry, and after the expression of good wishes from the Visitors, Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, and due honour was done to the toasts customary on these occasions. We regret pressure on our space prevents our recording the speeches.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—A certain remedy for diseases of the skin—Ringworm, scurfy, scrotula or king's evil, sore heads, and the most inveterate skin diseases to which the human race is subject, cannot be treated with a more safe and speedy remedy than Holloway's Ointment and Pills, which act so powerfully on the constitution, and so purify the blood that those diseases are eradicated from the system, and a lasting cure is obtained. They are efficacious in the cure of tumours, burns, scalds, glandular swellings, ulcerous wounds, rheumatism, contracted and stiff joints. These medicines operate mildly and surely. The cure effected by them is not temporary or apparent only, but complete and permanent.

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, 27th SEPTEMBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1541—Alexander Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C. (Emergency.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1462—Wharnclyffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst

MONDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER.

- 45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8. (Instruction.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
701—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. Johns-place, Halifax
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
261—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
R. A. 827—St. John Masonic Temple, Halifax
M. M. 146—Moore Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Londonhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street
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. (Instruction.)
1041—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth. (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Honley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)
51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon.
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
621—Abbey Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
779—Ferreers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hosketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caldonia-road, Batley
1353—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheddle
R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
K. T. Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire

WEDNESDAY, 1st OCTOBER.

- 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.)
638—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
882—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Courts, Salmon and Ball, Bothal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1324—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1553—Duke of Connaught, Glass Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
1595—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney
1837—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)
74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent.
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire.
210—Duke of Athol, Bowing Green Hotel, Deaton
271—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moir, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
606—Segontium, the Castle, Carnarvon
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.

- 750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Ermo, Ermo House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alwrick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alwrick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1351—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey & Ripon, 140 North Hill St., Toxteth Park, Liverpool, at 7.30. (In.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphego, George Hotel, Solihull.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull. (Inst.)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slatwaite.
R. A. 86—Lebanon Masonic Hall, Prescott
R. A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyno.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M. M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 2nd OCTOBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Londonhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, at 8. (In.)
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.)
M. M. Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dal-ton, E., at 8.30. (Inst.)
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Guildhall Concert Room, High-street, Cantorbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyno
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
432—Abbey, Newlegate Arms, Nuneaton.
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Daley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Briv, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1282—Anchorage, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1381—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padtham, near Burnley
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room Dearn House, Lindley
1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1639—Waltham-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1807—Loyal Wyo, Bulth, Breconshire
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R. A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
R. A. 429—Thanot, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
R. A. 591—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.
R. A. 759—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
R. A. 016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
M. M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
M. M. 158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan
K. T.—Fearndley, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 3rd OCTOBER.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgeware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Canon Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
612—E. Carnarvon, Mire Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 8.0. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 8.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North Loudon, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
41—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
 401—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme.
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 571—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.
 601—St. Johns, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
 680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
 998—Welsh Pool, Railway Station, Welsh Pool.
 1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Mirfield, Eastthorp.
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
 1337—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst.)
 1528—Port, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1618—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High street, Gosforth.
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 7.
 R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30.

SATURDAY, 4th OCTOBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
 Sini Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith.
 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

York Mark Lodge (T.I.)—A meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, York, on Tuesday. Present—Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M. as W.M., Sir James Meek P.M., Rev. W. Valentine S.W., J. Hollins J.W., Rev. W. C. Lukis Chaplain, J. S. Cumberland M.O., C. G. Padel S.O., W. P. Husband as J.O., M. Millington S.D., T. Humphries as J.D., J. M. Meek as I.G., and several other brethren. Visitor—Bro. J. Hanly (4th Dragoon Guards). A successful ballot was taken for Bro. R.A. Luk of the Restoration Lodge No. 111, Darlington. Bros. T. J. Wilkinson and W. Hill, previously elected, were then advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. A letter was read from the widow of the late Bro. T. Cooper P.M., thanking the Lodge for its sympathy with her in her bereavement. After the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where they supped together and spent a pleasant evening.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At the meeting, on 25th September, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Present—Bros. Biddell W.M., Higgins S.W., Moss J.W., L. Norden Sec., Veal S.D., Grammer J.D., Maidwell I.G., Webb Preceptor. The usual preliminaries being observed, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Maidwell acting as candidate. Bro. Grammer answered the questions, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Bro. Moss worked the first section of the second lecture, assisted by Bro. Norden. Bro. Higgins 1381, was unanimously elected a member; this brother was also elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At Bro. Butt's, the Newmarket Hotel, West Smithfield, on Monday, the 22nd inst. Present—Bros. J. W. Smith W.M., Willison S.W., Hallam J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Sillis S.D., Gyer J.D., Isaac I.G., also Bros. Wing, Edmonds, Hirst, Weeden, Batt, Lardner, J. B. Willison, &c. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, when the minutes of last meeting were duly confirmed, after which the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hirst candidate. Bro. Hallam sen. worked the fourth, Bro. Tolmie the fifth and seventh sections of the lecture. Bro. Batt, of the West Smithfield Lodge, was elected a member. Bro. Willison was elected W.M. for next week, after which Lodge was closed.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 23rd Sept. Present Bros. Sayer W.M., King S.W., Daniel J.W., Roberts S.D., Caton I.G., Hollands Secretary, Richards, Morgan, Maidwell, Bone, Hayes and Wharman. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, Bro. Hayes candidate. Bro. Sayer vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Richards W.M. of No. 27, who worked the initiation ceremony in a very impressive manner, Bro. Morgan candidate. The W.M. resumed the chair. Bro. King was elected W.M. for Tuesday next. It was carried unanimously that the Lodge votes for the Girls' School be entrusted to Bro. Maidwell.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—A meeting was held on Wednesday evening at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. T. W. C. Bush W.M., Medcalf S.W., D. Moss J.W., Bush Treas., J. K. Pitt Sec., Valentine S.D., Albert Kahn I.G., G. L. Walker, &c. All formalities were observed in the opening, and the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Pitt acting as candidate. A letter was read from Bro. E. Gottheil stating that his new avocation would preclude him attending this Lodge of Instruction, where he had spent so many years of pleasurable association and profit. The Lodge voted its hearty thanks

to Bro. Gottheil for his long, kind, and instructive guidance as Preceptor of the Lodge, and with deep regret accepted his resignation. A proposition was made, seconded, and unanimously carried that Bro. G. L. Walker, from his long association with the Lodge, should be elected Preceptor. Bro. Walker accepted the office, suitably thanking the brethren for placing him in so honourable a position. Labour ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, on Saturday, the 20th inst. Present—Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., W. Williams S.W., Mulford J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Cohen S.D., Powell J.D., Yates I.G.; also Bros. Slaiter, C. Lorkin, Brasted, T. Goode, Ross, &c. Lodge was opened with all formality. Bro. Brasted proved himself an efficient F.C. and was entrusted. Lodge being opened up, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Brasted acting as candidate, the traditional history being given. The W.M. is a constant attendant at this Lodge of Instruction, and it is almost needless to add that the ceremony was rehearsed in a manner which reflected credit both on the W.M. and the Preceptor. The W.M. worked the third section of the lecture. Lodge was closed to the first degree, when Bro. Percy worked the fourth, Bro. C. Lorkin the fifth sections of that lecture. Bro. W. Williams was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780.—On Saturday evening, 20th September, W.M. Bro. May and the Officers and several P.M.'s met at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, for the annual audit of the Lodge accounts; Bros. Sharpe and Talbot the auditors were present. The duties of the evening having been fulfilled, the W.M. and W.M. elect invited those present to assemble around the festive board, which was tastefully spread by host Brill. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, the cloth was cleared and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and received with the honours so well known to Masons. Then followed the toasts of the W.M., the W.M. elect, the Past Masters, our worthy Secretary, the Officers, &c., to all of which suitable replies were given. The W.M. elect expressed his intention with regard to his appointment of Officers for the ensuing year; and after some capital harmony, rendered by Bros. Hilton, Gunner, Brill, and others, the brethren dispersed shortly before eleven, expressing themselves extremely gratified with the catering of the new host, who during the proceedings made a capital speech.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On 19th September, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, where the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, with his Officers, took their places. Bros. May W.M., Gomm (W.M. elect) S.W., Blasby J.W., Costelow S.D., Frankel J.D., Gunner (H.S.) I.G. Goss I.P.M., Roe P.M., Gardiner P.M., Talbot, Acworth, F. Botley, C. E. Botley, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge was advanced, when Bro. C. E. Botley, as a candidate for raising, answered the questions. Lodge was then opened in third, and the W.M. ably rehearsed the ceremony of raising, with Bro. Acworth as candidate. Lodge was closed down to first degree, when the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Gomm (W.M. elect), who, with Bro. P.M. Gardiner representing the candidate, rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned till 3rd October, at half-past seven.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, Bro. Polak W.M., Wardell S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Carr S.D., Greenwood J.D., J. Lorkin I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., Brasted Preceptor; also Bros. Christian, King, Moss, Johnson, Quay, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Baker as candidate. Bro. Moss worked the first, second, and third sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Dallas the Secretary was elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—A meeting was held on Friday, at the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road. Present—Bros. Slaiter W.M., Job S.W., Dr. Richards J.W., W. Musto P.M. Sec., Forss S.D., Harbord J.D., McDonald I.G.; Past Master Bro. Cundick Preceptor, and a fair attendance of brethren. The business comprised the rehearsal of the sublime degree, and the working of the sections pertaining thereto. Bro. Job was elected to preside at next meeting. It was announced that the Fifteen Sections would be worked at the Israel Lodge of Instruction on the 28th inst., Bro. D. Moss to preside.

St. Augustine Lodge of Instruction, No. 972.—A meeting was held on Wednesday the 24th Sept. at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury. Present:—Bros. P.M. Welsh W.M., H. Pringuer S.W., Moulding J.W., Crump Treas., S. F. Pringuer Sec., Crump S.D., Price D.C., and Miskin I.G.—Past Masters Bros. Pierce, Pilcher, and Secra; Bros. E. Beer, Rossiter, and Vile. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the W.M. worked the first, second and third sections of the first lecture. It was arranged to continue the sections at the following meetings.

Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.—The first meeting for this season was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., the rendezvous was the Lecture Hall, St. John's-hill, New Wandsworth, the brethren having lately had occasion to remove the Lodge. The usual formal business having been concluded, the W.M. elect Bro. A. Newens was

impressively installed by Bro. Past Master E. H. Boddy, to whom a vote of thanks was afterwards passed. Among the brethren present were Bros. H. R. Jones P.M., W. A. Morgan P.M., J. G. Carter P.M., J. E. Frances P.M., George Howick P.M., R. Walker, H. T. Bell, J. Tuoker, W. Marshall, J. Springett, T. Arnison, A. A. Donham, and others. The following Officers were appointed by the W.M.:—Bros. J. B. Walker S.W., W. J. Huntley J.W., J. J. Holland S.D., F. W. Wardroper J.D., F. C. Landon I.G., F. Reed W.S., and A. A. Denham D.C. The Secretary (Bro. John Frost) and Treas. (Bro. H. Wilson) were reappointed. The banquet was afterwards held at the Railway Hotel, Putney, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278.—The brethren assembled in full force on Thursday, 18th inst., and, exercising the usual hospitality, there was a goodly number of Visitors. The Lodge having been opened in due form by the W.M., Bro Charles Kerr Crouch, the ordinary business was disposed of, and the W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. J. W. R. Hammond, which he did in a most impressive manner. A notice affixed to the summons urged brethren to be punctual, failing to observe which Bro. W. J. Bonner, who came late, did not receive the sublime degree to which he would have been entitled. Punctually at five o'clock the W.M. proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. Abraham Lazarus, into the chair of K.S.; and his admirable working of the ceremony elicited the warm approbation and encomiums of the brethren and visitors present. Considering that Bro. Crouch had to follow such experienced and able workers as Bros. Terry, Musto, and others, it is the more creditable to him that he should have worked the ceremony not only to the satisfaction of those present, but have received so warm an approval of his exertions. The W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Dr. Defriez S.W., Sturtevant J.W., Prestage S.D., A. Jones J.D., Chitson I.G., and G. W. Verry P.M. P.Z. as Hon. Secretary. The Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, where the Lodge is held, was never more full than on Thursday, the 18th inst. Bro. Lloyd, the host, placed an excellent banquet before the brethren, to which they did ample justice. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, were received with enthusiasm, and the brethren separated after a very enjoyable evening.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—A meeting was held on Friday, 19th September, at the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury. Present—Bros. Pelikan W.M., Hunter S.W., Rowley J.W., Eldridge Treas., Williams S.D., Gardiner J.D., Pearey Acting Preceptor, Hall I.G. Bros. Boas, Passingham, Powell, Ager, Wehl, &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Boas, who had previously answered the questions most perfectly, being candidate. The W.M. also gave the traditional history and explanation of the tracing board. Bro. Pearey worked the second and third sections of the Lecture. A cordial vote of thanks was given to the W.M. for his efficient working, it being the first time he had taken the chair in this Lodge of Instruction. The Lodge was then closed in ancient form.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday 23rd Sept. Bros. Smith W.M., Musto S.W., Keable J.W., Livermore I.G., Worsley Sec.; there were also present Bros. Pavitt, Glasspoole, Ellis 860, Brownson 898, Rawe, and G. H. Stephens. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. In consequence of the unpleasant evening the brethren did not assemble till eight o'clock, when the following sections were worked:—First Bro. Worsley, second Rawe, third Pavitt, fourth Livermore, fifth Musto, and seventh Stephens; time not permitting more to be undertaken. Bro. Brownson 898 was elected a member, and Bro. Stephens was unanimously elected an honorary member. Bro. Stephens thanked the brethren. The W.M. announced that Tuesday next was the fifth Tuesday of the month, when, according to the bye laws, the Installation Ceremony would be worked, by the Preceptor Bro. Musto, who would instal Bro. Rawe.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—A meeting was held on 22nd September at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury. Present—Bros. Tyler W.M., Howarth S.W., Vantier J.W., Lagden Sec., Duncan S.D., Gardner J.D., Miskin I.P.M., Brice I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Naylor, Beer; also Bro. Kimber. Visitor—Bro. Vile 972. The Lodge was opened and minutes of last Lodge of Instruction were read and confirmed. The charge was given to Bro. Kimber (an E.A.) by Bro. Miskin. The questions were regularly put and answered, the working tools of an Entered Apprentice were explained by Bro. Tyler W.M. It was proposed by Bro. Naylor I.P.M. (Craft Lodge), and seconded by Bro. Howarth, that the ceremony of Installation be rehearsed at the next two meetings of the Lodge of Instruction. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer.

Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507.—An emergency meeting was held at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross on Thursday 18th inst. Present—Comp. Willing M.E.Z., Thos. Adams P.Z. as II., Ferguson J., W. M. Stiles Scribe E., Edmonds as S.N., H. Stiles as P.S., Side First Assistant, Barnes Jan., Deller, Sillis, Clemow, Holt, Humphreys, &c. &c. Letters of apology were received from Comps. Stacey, H., Douglass P.S., Hudson S.N., and others. A Ballot having been taken for Bro. A. N. Clemow, which proved unanimous, he was regularly introduced and impressively exalted into R.A. Freemasonry. The M.E.Z. then proposed that in view of the lease of the present premises being disposed of "The Chapter be removed." This was carried unanimously, and a committee was appointed to make arrangements. The Companions, immediately on closing the Chapter, separated.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At a meeting held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 18th inst., there were present:—Bros. E. J. Acworth W.M., J. Wells S.W., J. Green J.W., Ferney S.D., Rickwood J.D., Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor; also Bros. H. Woolmer, J. Clarke, G. S. Wright, Youens, E. C. Porter, H. Kasner, and Bloomfield. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge was opened in second and third, closed in third degree, and resumed to the first; when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. Woolmer as candidate. The Lodge was called off; on resuming labour, it was resumed to the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Youens candidate. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. On the motion of Bro. Preceptor, seconded by Bro. J. Green, Bro. J. Wells was unanimously elected an honorary member. Bro. Youens stated that he had been desired by Bro. Mansfield to thank the brethren for the assistance afforded him in his distress. Bro. J. Wells was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Lodge was closed.

West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.—On Thursday, 18th September, at Bro. T. Butt's, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, the installation meeting was held. Bro. G. S. Elliott W.M. opened the Lodge, supported by his Officers. The minutes of the last regular and an emergency meeting were read, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the W.M. The Report of the Audit Committee was received, adopted, and entered on the Lodge minute book. The W.M. raised Bros. King and Long. Bro. T. W. Adams I.P.M. presented Bro. Joshua Howes P.M. S.W. and W.M. elect for installation, and Bro. Elliott performed the ceremony. The Officers are Bros. W. Pennefather S.W., W. Malthouse J.W., G. S. Elliott P.M. Treas., E. Mallett P.M. Sec., T. M. Butt S.D., H. J. Lardner J.D., G. H. Stephens I.G., J. J. Howes D.C., W. Snow W.S., W. Delafons J.S., E. Roberts Organist, Smyth Tyler. The work was so well rendered that a vote of thanks was given to the I.P.M., Bro. G. S. Elliott, for performing the installation ceremony, and the same ordered to be entered on the Lodge minute book. Bro. G. S. Elliott had the usual Past Master's jewel given to him. Although entering on his third apprenticeship in Masonry, this was the first Lodge Bro. G. S. Elliott had passed the chair in. When the Lodge was founded Bro. F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlx. P.M. selected him for first J.W., and stood by him until he had completed his year of office. He resigned the Treasurership, and had the happiness of seeing Bro. Elliott unanimously elected to succeed him. As Bro. Elliott now holds office in other Lodges, we hope in time to have to chronicle he will do his work elsewhere as well as he has here. Bro. J. Howes P.M. 765 W.M., a well-known worker of the Fifteen Sections, commenced his duties. The ballot proved unanimous in favour of the admission of Mr. Alfred Silver, and that gentleman being present was initiated into Freemasonry. The work was well done. Brother Frederick Walters P.P.J.D. Middlx. P.M., late Treasurer and Secretary, resigned his membership. His health being so bad, and he living in Leicestershire, precluded him from coming up to town. His resignation was accepted with regret. Some candidates were proposed for initiation. Business ended, the Lodge was closed and adjourned to meet on Thursday, 20th November. There were also present Bros. G. S. Wintle P.M., Greenwood, Smith, T. Butt, King, Rose, W. Butt, Cork, and many others. The Visitors were—Bros. W. A. Barrett P.P.G. Organist Oxon. P.M. 1706, &c., Pearson P.M. 315, Dr. Hunter P.M. 1677, Sheadd P.M. 720, Goodde P.M. 1228, Silvester W.M. 463, Elliott 749, Page 1821, Rumball S.W. 141, &c., &c. The usual banquet and dessert followed, which reflected the greatest credit on Bro. T. Butt and his two sons, all of whom were unremitting in their exertions to make all present happy and comfortable. The usual toasts were given and responded to. Songs and recitations brought a happy meeting to a pleasant close.

The *Sunday Times*, quoting from the *Bombay Gazette*, says:—

Freemasonry seems to prosper in other parts of India as well as in Bombay, where the Order is very strong. In the Punjab, for instance, at the commencement of 1869, ten years ago, there were six Freemasons' Lodges that were under the jurisdiction of the District Grand Master of Bengal. The members in the Punjab, conceiving it would be for their interest and promote the extension of the Order if they had a Grand Lodge of their own, applied to the proper authority for one, and, although they were strongly opposed by the Grand Master in Bengal, they succeeded in obtaining the desired sanction, and on the 10th of March 1869, their first Grand Master was installed at Lahore. As is usual with most young Institutions it had difficulties to contend with, and nine months after its organisation the Grand Lodge found itself Rs. 1,000 in debt. This was not reduced in the twelve months that followed, for in January 1872 we find the debt was Rs. 1,391. But by October of that year the debt had been reduced to Rs. 474, while the Punjab Masonic Institution, that had been established twelve months previously, had Rs. 6,920 invested in its name, and the Fund of Benevolence had Rs. 1,420 standing to its credit in the Agra Bank. Since that period the Grand Lodge has been gathering strength every year. On the 8th of last April its financial position was as follows:—Grand Lodge Fund deposit in the Agra Bank, Rs. 1,009; Fund of Benevolence, Rs. 2,722; Punjab Masonic Institution, Rs. 25,845; total Rs. 29,576. Moreover, during the ten years of its existence Rs. 24,575 have been disbursed in charity and in educating the children of deceased Freemasons. During the period under notice the number of Lodges has been exactly trebled, there being now eighteen. In 1869 the number of members was 149; on the 8th of last April the number registered was 557.

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With regard to the Masonic Institutions, it has often been regretted that some further surveillance has not been exercised over those who have been so fortunate as to receive therein education and early training; and it is felt that without something being done to watch the future of those who leave the Schools, and, if need be, lend them a helping hand, the work of Masonic Charity is incomplete. This want may perhaps best be expressed in the words of the Right Hon. Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, K.T., Past Grand Master of Scotland, who, as President at the Eighty-first Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, brought the question particularly before the Craft. The Right Worshipful Brother, in proposing prosperity to the Institution, after detailing the advantages and benefits which were derived from the School, said:—

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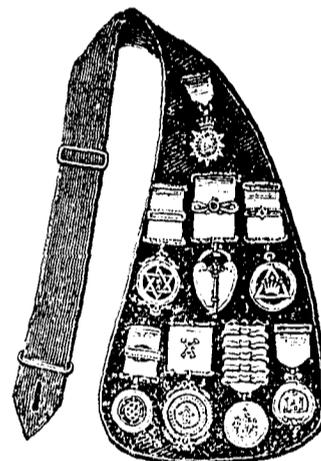
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