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### THE PROPOSED ASSISTANCE FUND.

IT is a matter of course that even the best of schemes should meet with opponents, more or less numerous and determined, yet somehow they continue to force themselves into being in spite of the opposition they encounter, and in time it not unfrequently happens that those who were their bitterest enemies become in turn their truest and best friends. Nothing, perhaps, is more natural than that this should be so. Men's minds are actuated by such a diversity of motives that about the strangest thing that could happen in this world of ours would be to find out some proposition which commanded universal acceptance. There are, for instance, the people who object on principle; they have no idea of the principle which forms the basis of their objection, but "principle" is a word of considerable import, and though they dare not attempt to explain its meaning, they make bold to assign it as a reason for their opposition. Others conceive it to be their duty to pull to pieces every scheme that is brought under their notice. These are the critics who hold that criticism and finding fault are one and the same thing, and that he who discovers the most faults is the best critic. Then there are the jealous people who think ill or but indifferently of every idea which has not emanated from them in the first instance, or who have not been invited, or invited only at the very last moment, to assist in giving form and substance to the idea which some one has started. Others object from sheer malice prepense, and others yet again because they insolently believe themselves superior in knowledge to all the rest of the world. We dare say it would be quite possible to extend the list of objectors, but we have quoted enough for our purpose, which is to show that the objections now being offered to the establishment of the Proposed Assistance Fund are only such as must be expected. The promoters, therefore, need be under no apprehension for the success of their project, because they suddenly find themselves begirt by a host of obstructives. To mention one instance, which is within the knowledge of all well-informed Masons. The late Dr. Crucifix, who took a leading part in founding the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, involved himself, in consequence, in all kinds of trouble and annoyance. He was subjected to harsh and contumelious treatment, and though his friends stood firm by him, and the bitterness of annoyance and insult at length passed away, he still had to withstand the severe ordeal to which all, with hardly an exception, who originate a good plan are subjected. Even the teachings of Freemasonry did not shield him from this, and the same fate doubtless is in store for those who have taken the lead in promoting this Assistance Fund.

After the foregoing remarks it will be gathered by our readers that we are fully prepared for any amount and kind of opposition that may be offered in the case of this particular proposal. It is the fate of all human institutions to meet at starting with enemies, but it is those only which are comparatively worthless or receive half-hearted support from their friends that succumb. A good scheme stands a good chance of success, and though it will probably be ill-advised and perhaps impossible to pass all the many suggestions which have been embodied by Bro. Dick Radclyffe, the Honorary Secretary, in his prospectus, there are in it unquestionably the makings of an admirable Fund, and one which, while in no way interfering with our existing Charities, will undoubtedly prove of great service to them. We think the promoters have every reason to be satisfied with what they have succeeded in

doing up to the present time. They have enlisted the sympathy and support of the Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, and Deputy Grand Master, as well as of a very formidable array of Grand Officers Past and Present, Provincial Grand Officers, and other influential Craftsmen. The brethren, be it remembered, have given in their adhesion to the principle laid down by Lord Rosslyn last year that something was needed in order to complete the task so satisfactorily carried out up to a certain point by our two Schools. Many among them have joined because they hold that, in addition to this, some little help might be given to deserving unsuccessful candidates. Others, though these must be a very small minority, have probably formed other notions as to what character the Fund should assume. Two things, however, stand out from all the rest with singular clearness. One is that all who have lent the plan their patronage or support recognise that a Fund of the kind proposed is needed, while the other was shown clearly enough at the opening meeting on the 11th instant, namely, that there is no intention on their part to suggest the establishment of a fourth Masonic Charity. Lord Rosslyn never thought of this when he made his suggestion last year. Those who have adopted his lordship's suggestion as the foundation of this plan have never dreamt of building up a rival to the Charities already existing. Lord Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale are willing to support it on a similar understanding, and Bro. Radclyffe explained that the proposals introduced in the prospectus had been offered by different brethren as suggestions. In short, as we have said once already, all whose names appear as supporters of the plan have recognised that a fund of the character indicated is required, and some of them hold the opinion that something further is needed likewise. But the details are left for future consideration and arrangement, and to affirm therefore that it is now proposed to establish an additional Charity is to say that which is not. As to the opposition of Bro. While, we attach to it not the slightest importance. We are content with saying that every one in the room laughed or wept over him according as they were disciples of the school of Democritus, or of that of Heraclitus. However, he seems to have returned these little compliments, these "amicablenesses" in an unusual manner; at least in no other way can we account for the *Times* report of the meeting being so entirely different from that which appeared in these columns, or the one in our Masonic contemporary. The views he expressed at the meeting formed the substance of the report in the journal he represented, and which we have alluded to. But if he—unintentionally no doubt—allowed his account to be strongly influenced by his personal views, he committed an indiscretion. Not content with that, however, he has rushed into a correspondence in the columns of our contemporary, and as will be seen elsewhere, threatens to rend in pieces one "Sebic," because he has called attention to the similarity of tone between Bro. While's speech and the *Times* report. In this he is certainly not improving his case. It is easy enough to say, as he does towards the end of the first paragraph of his letter last week, that "the common sense of every one plainly expressed that when not Quixotic, the proposals were idiotic." The necessary limitation to this statement is that they were so in Bro. While's opinion. As for the good taste of the suggestion that the "Committee are merely so many puppets for some clever manipulator to conjure with," it is not necessary we should offer any opinion. Masonry enjoins on us to speak well of our brethren, and if that be not possible, at least to keep

silence. Nor is there much in the way of a defence of the justice of the accusation. It is the simplest thing in the world to call every one interested in the success of a scheme a clever manipulator, and the Committee so many puppets, but a statement does not prove itself. As for the Committee being puppets—well, that is better than being Don Quixotes or idiots, and may be regarded as a compliment. Having got rid of the proposals, the promoters, and the Committee, Bro. While then sets himself to the task of abusing the Boys' School, and as a natural consequence, Lord Rosslyn, the former because the system of education in force is of such a character that the pupils at sixteen are helpless to make a start in life, and the latter because he is the original mover of the fund. He then gives the Girls' School a slap in a ponderously funny way, and asks if it is intended to provide for them marriage portions, and pay for the vaccination of their children. In the last paragraph, he, with an affectation of grandeur which is in strict keeping with his previous remarks, says absolutely, "We want no such 'fund.' If there are any cases which require help it will be forthcoming, but we want no irrationally enthusiastic brothers advocating that we should go without great coats for a winter, or breakfasts three times a week, or installation banquets, or other means of 'saving,' in order to endow with the blessings of a paid Secretariat a new fund with a charity-run-mad programme?" Here, again, the style is ponderous. We suppose it is impossible for Bro. While to write a paragraph without expressing opposition or abuse, or insinuating something unpleasant. As to the opposition, we are content to place the dictum of Lord Rosslyn last year, that some of the boys on leaving school do want help, and that some provision should be made to meet this want, against that of Bro. While, who says deliberately that no fund of such a character or for such a purpose is wanted. We do not presume to think that the brethren whose names have appeared as patrons and supporters of the scheme are all "puppets" who will allow themselves to be conjured with by "clever manipulators." We have at least enough of Masonic charity about us to give them credit for possessing a certain amount of sense and feeling, and if we find their names entered as supporters, we venture to believe they know what it is they are supporting. Bro. While is not so minded. He is on the one side, and the "puppets," "clever manipulators," &c., on the other; and who are these latter that they should be likely to prevail over the former?

As to our contemporary, it is hopeless to think of helping a journal, which has known and foreseen everything which has happened in the past, to see and judge clearly of what is passing now. It "cannot now profess or propose to support it." It "thinks the scheme must soon fall through, and had better be given up." Be it so, but if our worthy contemporary deprives the Grand Master and all the other high dignitaries of the Craft of the light of its countenance, we cannot hold ourselves responsible for the serious consequences which may follow. Let us sincerely hope His Royal Highness will escape the threatening danger, and that no one else, not even our own unhappy selves, will be anything the worse.

### THE CITY MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

THE report of this Association, which has now brought its labours to a close, is eminently satisfactory. During the four years of its existence no less a sum than £873 16s was received, and, with the exception of £6 15s, returned to the representative of a deceased member, found its way into the coffers of our Institutions. Thus the Committee were enabled to obtain for the members no less than eighty-one Life Governorships, of which forty were for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, twenty-one for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and twenty for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The expenses for printing, &c., were almost nominal, and amounted to only £2 5s, after deducting the price of the books sold. A balance of £23 1s remained in the hands of the Treasurer at the wind up of the Association, and of this two-thirds, or £15 7s 4d, were paid over to the Masonic Institutions, in the name of Bro. J. Newton, the Secretary, and the remaining third—£7 13s 8d—in that of Bro. G. Ward

Verry, Treasurer. Only one death occurred during the existence of the Association, and, as we have said, the deceased brother's payments, amounting to £6 15s, were returned to his representative. The report concludes with an expression, on the part of the Committee, of their "unqualified thanks to Bro. Newton and Bro. Verry for their untiring energy in bringing the Association to so successful an issue."

The account shows the following figures:—Receipts, £873 16s; Disbursements:—Life Governorships, £841 15s, making, with the £23 1s paid over to the Institutions, in the names of Bros. Newton and Verry, £864 16s handed over to our Charities; repaid in respect of deceased brother, £6 15s; and expenses, £2 5s. Undeniably a most excellent result, and one that does the greatest credit to the Committee, and especially to those to whom the Committee's thanks were so heartily accorded. We may add that a new Association is in course of being established, and we hope and believe that its results will be as satisfactory as those we have recorded. There is no doubt whatever that these Associations do an infinite amount of good, not only in a quiet, unostentatious way, but they entail no pressure on the purses of the members. The subscription is only a shilling a week, and of course in a given time every one becomes a Life Governor.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

*We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.*

*We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.*

*All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.*

### ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As I perceive that there are some inaccuracies and misconceptions respecting the above Fund, permit me to inform you that it is not by any means intended to abandon this scheme of supplementary benevolence, but it will in no way interfere with the existing Charities, or in the slightest degree destroy the independence and the self-reliance of those who are intended to profit by it.

The Fund will, on calmer consideration I believe, meet with the approval of every one; it will not clash with any existing Charity, and it will quickly do a very noble and useful work. It will be the completion of the edifice, the cope stone of the wall.

Yours fraternally,

Rosslyn P.G.M.

P.S.—The assistance of Bro. Radclyffe will be cheerfully and gratuitously given, and for the future, as heretofore, his energy and experience will be of inestimable advantage.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have this day forwarded a letter, of which the following is a copy, to your contemporary.

It is strange to note how favourable your correspondents' letters are, and what a contrast to your contemporary. However, as the adverse criticism may be read by your readers, I hope, although it is not usual to publish the same letter in two papers, you will allow me to do so on this occasion. The question is of general interest; consequently, my remarks may be useful in explaining the position of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund in regard to any future action. I beg to thank "WELL-WISHER" and "SEBRIC" for their remarks, which, I assure them, shall not be overlooked by

Yours fraternally,

DICK RADCLYFFE.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to answer *seriatim*—and, I hope, to explain—several misunderstandings in your editorial remarks and correspondence in to-day's issue.

I am at a loss to understand why you should consider "Othello's occupation gone." I fail to see what should lead you to this idea. If I am illustrated as Othello, I think the remarks of our Most Worshipful Deputy Grand Master and Lord Rosslyn, as also the resolutions passed to adjourn the meeting until His Royal Highness Prince Leopold is able to preside, as well as the appointment of the Committee, Honorary Treasurer, and Secretary, go to show that I shall have much occupation for some time to come; but if I can be instrumental in doing good I shall be pleased. Had your reporter given the report of the meeting *in extenso*, several matters would have been explained. I beg most emphatically to state I never intended even to hint at the establishment of a fourth Masonic Charity, with paid officials. I think there are plenty of good Masons to be found who would act on Committee, and as Treasurer and Secretary, without pay. I am at a loss to understand on what ground you now with-

draw all you have said in favour of the scheme, or in what way it has outrun its original "modest dimensions." I have published two circulars with suggestions, and they have never been altered, but the following has been added:—

To render assistance to the unsuccessful candidates for the benefit of existing Masonic Charities, and otherwise co-operate in the dispensing of Masonic Charity.

I may here remind you I have not had your notice of withdrawal, and I hope you will alter your resolution—at least I will endeavour to shake it. You are aware all the circulars have contained simply suggestions, and brethren were invited to co-operate and offer suggestions. Amongst the few criticisms passed, I had the following:—

"1. The objects as set forth are a little too pretentious."

To this my reply has invariably been—Possibly they are, but they are suggestions, and nothing will be done or decided upon till a Committee selected at a public meeting is formed, and not even then acted upon till confirmed at another meeting. I was not so arrogant and egotistical as to dictate what should be done, but the suggestions—which please again note have never been altered—met with favour, as is proved by the lists of supporters and the very long lists of signatures exhibited at the meeting, including the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, as well as their Royal Highnesses Princes Arthur and Leopold, and the Most Worshipful Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland, and many of the highest in the Craft, recommending the establishment of a Fund; and it has always been my idea that whatever is decided upon should be after careful deliberation by a Committee sitting for the purpose.

"2. If you have funds enough assist the unsuccessful;" and amongst those who suggested this I will mention Sir Henry Edwards, R.W.P.G.M. West Yorkshire.

This I thought a capital suggestion, and it was strengthened by the action taken by Bro. Clabon, when it was shown that, no matter how worthy the object, if the laws do not specify it to come within the range of assistance, the Board of Benevolence must not, no matter how much money they may have, depart from one groove. Again, as to the unfortunate discontent with the action of another Committee—I do not wish to reopen a case, which I am happy to see is at rest—as to the powers they possess in dispensing funds, whatever the result of the appeal; I will endeavour to recommend that, from the first, clear lines shall be laid down that in the event of a "surplus" it shall be possible to dispose of it in necessitous cases, instead of in lavish grants on the applicants. Another reason was that some feared, notably the province of Warwick, that whatever moneys were collected for the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund would be at the expense of the other institutions, &c. This I deny *in toto*. My letter of last week explains my reasons, and as we are taught a Mason's charity knows no bounds save those of prudence, I cannot but feel, with the statistics I have had, and which prove the average is about 2s 6d (surely a sum within the bounds) per annum from every Mason to support the present requirements, there is plenty of room for an appeal for further aid. Besides, it is well understood Masonry is not a benefit society, consequently, if proper precautions are taken in introducing "worthy" members, we should not have any difficulty in coping with cases of unforeseen calamity and misfortune; though I fear we have many examples of members being admitted for the benefits. The other suggestion was "Qualifications." Many (I may mention the suggestion is from a Past G.S.W.) said let me know the "qualifications," &c. Now it is well known some will not give without some return, and qualifications can hurt no one, but may materially add to the chances of obtaining subscriptions, besides which they will be the means of preventing much dissatisfaction. I propose the use of votes for the appointment of Officers and Committee, and if done by papers similar to those used by R.H.S. and similar Societies, it will enable our Country Brethren to have a voice in the matter; and as the Committee will of necessity be invested with great power, it is imperative all subscribers should have a voice, and no doubt it will strengthen the confidence of the Committee. But let me again add these are only suggestions, and I must refer you to all my letters and circulars to confirm this, as I would not for a moment like it to be even thought I had a wish to dictate.

You speak of "enlarged basis," and that it is proposed to grant subsidies to all unsuccessful Candidates. You surely cannot have forgotten my letter in your last issue, in which I distinctly pointed out deserving. Again, is it not a guarantee to all who fear the money will be raised at the expense of the existing Institutions, that the fund is purely one of "assistance," and that rather than hurt the existing Institutions, we will to the utmost help not only the necessitous cases after leaving the Schools, but also the necessitous cases which for want of friends cannot be taken into the Schools? And I would remind you of the great work you are advocating, viz., the *Charity Association*; do you not here try to bring forward the most deserving and friendless, and to prevent waste of votes, and thereby ensure greater numbers of successful? Really, Sir, I feel your solicitous appeal in this good cause (L.M.C.A.) should alone enlist your sympathies for the "enlarged basis"—which please again remember, like all other objects mentioned in prospectus, is but a suggestion, and would be cut out by the committee if found unworthy and objectionable. As to the "Benefit Society" question, you know my views, and I think a little more attention to the CHARGE should be urged upon all W.M.'s and Brethren proposing candidates. Our Charity should be most complete—better give our children less education than leave them to shift for themselves.

As to the scheme falling through I am at a loss again to follow your reasoning. By reference to the list of supporters you will see all the Most Worshipful Grand Masters and more than half the Provinces support it; besides you have yourself admitted it started under most favourable auspices and gave it your support. Is it therefore all at once to collapse because one simple suggestion has been made (I refer to added Clause)? As to your praise, I am not insensible to your kindness and am glad you give me credit for per-

severance; but I must further add, and I am in duty bound to give this assurance to my supporters, that until I have some much stronger proof of the "verdict" being undeniably against me, I shall consider my humble efforts pledged to carry on the work which they support, and which I consider the list of Patrons shows to be undeniably the reverse of adverse. I may here mention I have had three withdrawals, two have since not only approved but consented to act on Committee, while one has promised to consider; but I have many additions. I really think this amply proves the reverse of your verdict (I have not mentioned you in the withdrawals as I have not received it). As to your reasons for supporting it, have the objects you thought worthy been withdrawn? Before giving your ultimatum, why not first see what the Committee appointed to consider the scheme will propose.

I cannot quite understand how P.M. can criticise the list of subscriptions, as you only publish them immediately above his letter—or is it an editorial comment? Still to satisfy even that section of the public, I may inform P.M. the R.M.P.A.F. stands pledged to nothing. The money paid was banked and the promises entered—hence the difference in the totals and that is accounted for by the fact that, until I know the exact position the Fund is to take, I have not urged money being sent. In answer to Bro. While's letter and his report in *Times*, as also letter in *Times*, which I presume is his, as it immediately follows in your paper, and it is not customary for one paper to copy another's letters—I do not find it in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE—I can only say I am sorry he should think fit to curtail his report; it would have been fairer not to have suppressed any portion. However, no doubt Bro. While means well, although his expressions are not flattering, and I think scarcely in strict accordance with Masonic etiquette—still I will accept them as meant in no ill spirit, and I hope one day to have the pleasure of a chat. If Bro. While is champion to suppress an evil, I am equally convinced the R.M.P.A.F. will do but good. As to Lord Rosslyn withdrawing, Bro. While was present when not only Lord Rosslyn, but Lords Skelmersdale and Brooke personally and in public accepted the office of Committeemen, and pledged themselves to work to assist the Fund by obtaining subscriptions, &c. As to the organisation being "cut and dried," I think your report even will disprove this. It will always be my aim to discountenance any "hole and corner" work or "clique." As to the inconsistent remarks about "marriage portions," &c. I can only feel Bro. While is attempting a joke at the expense of what I hope will be a useful supplement to our Institutions. The attempt to endow a paid Secretariat, and its attending charitable remarks, I will answer, without intending any annoyance to our worthy brother, viz., there are other attributes besides almsgiving that constitute "charity;" and as a Past Master he should teach this. I shall at all times be glad to explain anything respecting this scheme to Bro. While, and think it a pity he did not call upon me before assailing me in public. In reply to "P.M.'s" letter in the *Times*, I may mention I answered it, but unfortunately this, and, I hear, several other letters, were not inserted, showing how dangerous and one-sided a thing criticism and reports in newspapers are.

The substance of my remarks was that, instead of sapping the self-reliant and self-dependent spirit of "our pupils, the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund was to aid." From Bro. While's point of view, it appears a boy with father or guardian stands in a bad position and at a disadvantage. I have always felt sympathy for a fatherless boy or girl, and with what "weight" they commenced their "race of life." My experience has taught me that boys and girls leaving school are then at the most critical time of life, and a friend to give advice then is often the finger-post of success. The cases the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund attempt to assist will be those without means or friends, and without being "Quixotic," it can do much in giving advice. Watching progress, keeping register of brethren willing to fill vacancies in their business or public offices, assisting the sick, and, without encouraging indolence or sapping self-reliance, assisting our children at a critical time. If Bro. While's assertions are correct, then every father stands in his son's way. To conclude, I fear I have taken up too much of your valuable space; still, as the subject is an important one, I hope you will allow me to wind up with one or two remarks which tend to prove the Fund will do good.

1. Lord Leigh and others—advocacy as to scholarships.

2. Bros. Clabon and Hogg—repeated motions in Grand Lodge to obtain part of the Funds of Benevolence, and at the time of the Lifeboat grant as a thanksgiving offering for our M.W. Grand Master's return from India it was then one of the suggestions to endow a similar fund.

3. The efforts of Bro. Jacobs and Staffordshire brethren to perpetuate Lord Shrewsbury's memory by creating an Assistance Fund; and, lastly, the action of the Supreme Council and many individual brethren in supporting *separate cases*.

I think, Dear Sir and Brother, I have a strong case, and beg to assure you, until I can hear better reasons, I shall continue to exert the zeal and energy you so kindly notice with redoubled vigour in what I consider so good a cause.

I am,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

DICK RADCLIFFE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

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24th March 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—The insinuation of your correspondent "SERIC," that the report in the *Sunday Times* and the letter in the *Times* signed "P.M." were written by me is unfounded. I have seen the letter, and that is all I know about it; the former I have

not seen. If "SEERIC" had read the circular calling the meeting, he would have seen, under the heading of "Main objects of the Fund," the very proposals which he characterises as "monstrous exaggerations," as well as others. I have a copy of the circular now lying before me, signed by the names of "Dick Radclyffe and W. W. Morgan jun.," with seven distinct paragraphs on the top of the second page, where these "monstrous exaggerations" are set forth as the proposed purposes of the Fund.

Perhaps "SEERIC" will obtain one (I retain mine for special reasons of my own), and having informed his mind, will do me the justice, and himself the honour, of withdrawing the unjust and unfounded statements he was permitted to make in your columns last week. At the least, as a presumed and unknown brother I expect this at his hands.

Yours obediently and faithfully,  
JOHN WHILE, P.M. 228.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Great consternation must prevail among the promoters and supporters of the above fund. "We want no such 'fund,'" says Bro. While, and Bro. While is an authority on everything Masonic and non-Masonic. What matters it if the Grand Master, his brothers Prince Leopold and the Duke of Connaught the Pro and Dep. G. Masters and the G.M.'s of Ireland and Scotland, and a multitude of other Masonic dignitaries say an assistance fund is desirable? Bro. While, who is a host in himself, says the contrary, and that of course settles the whole question. Bro. While, from his connection with the daily press, must be in a position to know everything. Were I a politician, I should accept his opinion as to the probable result of the elections. As a member of the Stock Exchange, I should consult him as to the funds rising or falling. If I were a man of science, I should quote him as an authority on all its branches, while, as a literary man or man of taste, I could not do better, it seems, than adopt his language and mode of treatment. Omniscience, however, when it is the attribute of a common mortal, has one great drawback. Every other common mortal claims to be its possessor, that is, if he has anything like a small modicum of prudence. "I know that we Masons want no Assistance Fund," oracularly says Bro. While the omniscient, "for I know that if there are any cases which require help it will be forthcoming." "And I know," says Lord Rosslyn, "that something of the kind is wanted. Last year I talked matters over with the Head Master of the Boys' School, and the opinion I came to was that the admirable work done by the School is incomplete, inasmuch as many pupils when they leave school find themselves without means to profit by the excellent education they have received," and this opinion is shared by a large number of brethren. Still there stands Bro. While, like the dauntless three who kept the bridge so valiantly in the brave days of old against the gallant hosts of Lars Porsena of Clusium, and who dare utter an opinion that is contrary to his?

And yet I dare, I am humble Mason, who am not omniscient, not omnipresent, and not omnivorous, that is, I do not swallow everything that is told me, even when it emanates from so potent, grave and reverend an authority as Bro. While. Shall I account for my audacity? Well, Bro. While's remarks at the meeting were met with cries of "No, no." This much has been admitted by himself, and when, with the knowledge I possess of the matter, I find that these remarks were challenged by the rest of the meeting, which included the Deputy Grand Master of England, the Past Grand Master of Scotland, to whose casual suggestion—made, however, be it remembered, with a full sense of responsibility and at a public gathering—and some forty or fifty other brethren, I ask myself the plain question, do not these worthy brethren know their own minds better than Bro. While, who omnisciently claims to interpret them? Then I am told, on the same authority, that "the proposals were not even 'damned with faint praise,' for the common sense of every one plainly expressed that, when not Quixotic, the proposals were idiotic." The words "Quixotic" and "idiotic" are "epitaphs" in common use among people who do not understand their meaning. Only a Don Quixote would make a "Quixotic" proposal, and only an idiot one that was "idiotic;" and I have yet to learn that Lord Skelmersdale, Lord Rosslyn, Bro. F. Binckes, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Bro. James Terry, are either Don Quixotes or idiots. Their names are on the Committee, and it is very likely they do not see the force or advisability of many among the suggestions which have been thrown out for consideration; but they know enough of the proposal as originally promoted to give it their countenance and support, and when they find anything "Quixotic" or "idiotic" is expected of them, I have no manner of doubt they will decline the proposal, being, as they are, men of sound common sense and gentlemen.

Lord Rosslyn "expressed his astonishment at the proposals, and virtually withdrew from them." His lordship did express surprise at what it was afterwards explained were "suggestions" for future consideration, as being far in excess of the idea originally propounded by him, but as he is a member of the interim Committee he cannot have withdrawn from the scheme. Again, Bro. While has no idea of connecting himself "with any cut and dried organisation," for it is within his experience that in such cases "all the Committee are merely so many puppets for some clever manipulator to conjure with." Doubtless, the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, Lord Rosslyn, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest will be highly gratified in discovering that, in the opinion of Bro. While the omniscient, they are merely so many "puppets" for some "clever manipulator" to conjure with.

The Boys' School, with its Patrons, Vice Patrons, Vice Presidents, &c., must be equally gratified to know that if the education it gives "does not fit the boy at sixteen to commence the start in life," it is, in Bro. While's opinion, "so much the worse for the School," and "it is time to consider whether the whole itself is not a mistake." Indeed, the whole Craft will, I am sure, be delighted to hear that Bro.

While considers our Boys' School as "small potatoes" indeed, as schools go now-a-days. And the boys—they had "many and influential friends," or they could not have obtained admission into the School. What, in the name of Heaven, can they want further; what business have they to want anything further; or to be without friends to set them going? Well, appointments are not to be had for the asking, and for those to be had there is the severest possible competition. Therefore, even a boy who has received the best education in the world, and leaves no stone unturned in order to obtain employment, may still be disappointed, and, in the event of his having no friends, he will find disappointment is not very fattening. But I am forgetting myself. The boy had many friends who voted him into the School, and they were cruel enough to desert him. I sympathise with the poor boy, but as for the friends who voted him into the School, and who, from the fact of their having votes to give him, must have contributed to clothe, educate, and maintain him for a term of years—to these I have nothing else to say than, most emphatically, *Anathema Maranatha*. How dare such people live who are guilty of so grave a dereliction of duty?

Of the "blessings of a paid Secretariat" I need say little. I refer Bro. While to Bro. Binckes of the Boys' School, Bro. Terry of the Benevolent, and Bro. Hedges of the Girls' School. Heretofore they have been spoken of respectfully as men who do their duty and earn the salaries which are paid them. Now they are made the subject of a "goak," and perhaps will be known henceforward as the three Masonic "blessings." I am sure they must feel complimented at finding themselves so highly placed in the estimation of Bro. While.

Well, I have now noted the salient points in Bro. While's letter to your contemporary. I hope he is proud of his production. I am sure, after the lavish and well nigh impartial manner in which he has distributed his compliments, he is entitled to the thanks of the whole Masonic community.

I have half a mind to start a fund for the maintenance and education of Masonic Fleas, and if I do carry the idea further, I shall make a point of trying to enlist the sympathy and assistance of Bro. While. They will be so valuable.

N.B.—This is a "goak."

Fraternally yours,  
O SI SIC OMNES.

#### A PLEA FOR AGED MASON'S AND THEIR WIDOWS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was present at the meeting of the Pupils' Assistance Fund on the 11th March, when the chair was so ably filled by Lord Skelmersdale, and the objects of the Fund so clearly explained by Earl Rosslyn. I hope the suggestion I am about to make will be carried out. At the various meetings at which our esteemed Brother Terry is present, in responding to the toast of the Masonic Charities, he always advocates the cause of the two Masonic Schools, but he likewise—and very naturally—advocates, in eloquent and forcible language, the cause of the Aged Masons and their Widows. Perhaps those brethren who have placed their names and money at the disposal of the Pupils' Assistance Fund would have little objection to assist those who are unsuccessful at the elections of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. None are eligible under sixty years of age; they cannot work; many have outlived their friends and relations; and a little assistance to them would be a great boon. It is not yet too late to alter the title of the Fund. All three Institutions require our aid, and why, then, leave out the Benevolent? In spite of the cold water thrown on the noble efforts of the Committee by the *Times* and in other quarters, I feel certain the Fund will eventually be crowned with success.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

A PAST MASTER.

#### GRAND LODGE AND BRO. STEVENS' MOTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read Bro. Stevens' letter in your week's issue with all the care so well-balanced and moderate a communication demands, and the conclusion I have arrived at is that it would hardly have been possible for any one to have stated his case more clearly, and at the same time more forcibly. While he makes allowance for those differences of opinion among brethren which are inevitable, he yet holds firmly, and I think with justice, to his view of the circumstances. There is no doubt whatever that in December 1869 Grand Lodge did affirm the principle of Bro. Stevens' motion, and did agree to the appointment of the Committee asked for. At the meeting in March 1870, the minutes were confirmed, and the principle re-asserted, but the appointment of the Committee was deferred, and the motion has remained a dead letter ever since. But a law, even though it may never be enforced, remains a law still, and therefore the resolution affirmed by Grand Lodge in December 1869, and re-affirmed in March 1870, is still in force; nor do I see how the proceedings of 1879-80 can in any way lessen its virtue. But while I hold that, as far as argument is concerned, Bro. Stevens has by far the best of it, I think he will do well if he lets matters rest as they are. He has done his best, and in a perfectly constitutional matter, to promote "uniformity of working" or "unity of essentials," as some call it. Grand Lodge has twice accepted his motion for inquiry, or in other words has twice acknowledged that there are *prima facie* grounds for instituting one, but there it stops short, and declines to appoint a committee. This may be churlish, or an act of self-stultification, or it may be, as I am sorry to see Bro. Stevens has sug-

gested, "the result of 'pique' and party feeling;" but be the act, or the cause of the act what it may, it strikes one as being most undesirable for him, or any one in his position, to press the matter still farther. Any slight advantage in the war of words has been gained by him. He can at least claim to have acted consistently throughout, while the same cannot be said of Grand Lodge. Nor in what he has written or said has he exceeded the just limits of well-found and temperate argument. As to the suggestion that the motion was agreed to in a thin house, and the minute rejected in a crowded one, it seems to me to have been beneath the dignity of "A P.G. CHAPLAIN" to have adopted it, for, as Bro. Stevens very pertinently asks, "What would become of our most useful Grand Lodge decisions," if the measure of their value were to be judged by the numerical strength of the meetings at which they were passed?

There is yet another point to be recorded. There is, no doubt, a certain amount of justification for the charge against Bro. Stevens that his attention has been directed to matters of detail. The questions he from time to time submitted for consideration in your columns dealt chiefly with verbal differences, and I am not surprised that many should have thought the reconciliation of these differences was the sole aim he had in view. But his motion of 1869-70 covered a larger extent of ground, and pressed for a Committee of Past Masters "to inquire into the merits of the respective systems of working now in practice, and to report to Grand Lodge thereon, with such recommendations as they may think necessary to prevent deviation from the established mode, such deviations being, according to the Constitutions of Freemasonry, improper, and not to be justified or countenanced." None, therefore, are to blame for supposing that Bro. Stevens' late motion in Grand Lodge, and the discussions he set going in your columns, followed as the latter were by their republication in book form, had something in common between them. However, what ideas may have been formed by others is comparatively of small moment. The alternatives to be faced are (1) Will Bro. Stevens be wise in pressing the matter still further, or even proposing to Grand Lodge, "that the law it enacted in 1869-70 be absolutely cancelled?" or (2) will it be more satisfactory for him to leave things as they are, contenting himself with bringing under the notice of Grand Lodge such prominent deviations from established practice as have come under his notice; such, for instance, as that mentioned by Bro. ALBUS in a recent number of your Masonic contemporary, and referred to by a correspondent of yours shortly after—I think in the week ended 13th instant? I fancy the latter will be the better course. Bro. Stevens will show his desire to keep the peace of Freemasonry undisturbed, while, by specifying the deviations he has met with in the course of his experience, he will afford the best justification in his power for the motions he brought forward in 1869-70 and recently.

Fraternally and truly yours,

B. and C.

#### MASONIC DESIGNATIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Like your correspondent "CYPHER," I have noticed the prevalent mode of complimenting our military brethren with a title more, to my thinking, in keeping with their calling in life than with Masonry as a social luxury. I do not deem the fashion an innovation, but as extreme laudation. Ten years is a short period of time to look back upon, but what changes may, and oftentimes do, overcome us within that limited space? In 1870 the Committees of the various Masonic Charitable Institutions were *idealized* by the then perpetual Chairman; in the current year the Chairman *idealized* by the Committees. Times change, and we conform to the alteration.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

E. G. O.

24th March 1880.

#### MARK MASONRY.

**Kingston Lodge, No. 222, Tunis, North Africa.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 13th inst. Present:—W. Bros. Pentecost P.G.J.W. W.M. and A. M. Broadley P.G.M. I.P.M., Dr. A. Perini S.W., Prof. Souiller J.W., M. Le Gallais M.O., Prof. Clement S.O., A. Bokobsa J.O., Dr. Pace-Williams Sec., J. Barsotti Treas., D. Enriquez R.M., C. Foggetta D. of C., S. Session S.D., G. B. Cassar J.D., A. Andry A.D. of C., Commander Bridge, R.N., Org., I. Boccaro I.G., and J. Eymon Tyler. Members:—T. F. Reade H.B.M.'s Agent and Consul-General Tunis and P.D.D.G.M. Egypt, Chevalier Tulin de la Tunisie, Imperial German Canal Tunis, General Musali Director of the Tunisian Foreign Office, J. E. Gessel and C. Chaigne. Visitor:—Rotino 254. The P.G.M., at the request of the W.M., advanced, in the Italian language, Bros. D. Dalsol and C. Carriglio 1717. The P.G.M. briefly alluded to the presence amongst them for the first time of Bro. Reade, from whom he expected great aid in supporting the best interests of the English Lodges in Tunis, and, above all, those of the Mark. He was pleased to say out of 90 Craft brethren 54 also belonged to the Sister Mark Lodges 222 and 254. The Masonic organ of the G.O. of Italy—the *Rivista Masonica*—had published a long article on the Mark Degree, clearly recognising its great Masonic importance. He trusted that his absence for a short time would in no ways prejudice the Lodges. Bros. Reade and Tulin de la Tunisie spoke in most enthusiastic terms of the labours of the P.G.M., and hoped he would soon return amongst them to find English Masonry more flourishing than ever. The Lodge was duly closed.

#### COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRL'S SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met on Thursday, at Freemason's Hall. There were present Bro. Creton (Chairman), Bros. Col. James Peters, Griffiths Smith, John A. Rucker, A. J. Duff Filer, H. Massey, R. B. Webster, Thos. Fras. Peacock, H. Higgins, H. A. Dubois, C. F. Matier, Arthur E. Gladwell and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes two children were placed on the list for the October election. The House Committee having recommended that the salary of the Junior Clerk be increased from £60 to £70 a-year, Bro. Griffiths Smith gave notice of motion embodying that recommendation for the Quarterly Court of April. The Chairman was then authorised to sign several cheques, among which was one for £500 the deposit on the purchase of Lyncombe House, the contract for which he stated he had that day signed on behalf of himself and his co-trustees. The following notice of motions for next Quarterly Court was given by Bro. W. H. Spaul Prov. Grand Secretary North Wales and Shropshire:—"That I think that every subsequent Stewardship to this Institution, accompanied by a donation of £5 5s, shall entitle the Brother to two votes." By Bro. H. T. Thompson P.M. 742:—"That the sum of £6 be voted to each of the twenty-five children next highest on the poll to the successful candidates at this election, in aid of their maintenance and education until the election in October next." By Bro. G. E. Webster P.M. 139 West Yorkshire:—"That it is desirable that the Life Governors, Subscribers, and others entitled to vote at meetings of the General Court should have the power of voting by proxy." By the same Brother:—"That all subscriptions, donations, legacies, and other monies received by the Charity which shall not be distinctly appropriated by the donors to the Sustentation Fund shall be applied in maintaining, clothing, and educating the children. And the surplus, if any, shall be invested in the Three per Cent. Consols in the names of Trustees of the General Fund, which Fund and the income thereof shall not be applied for any other than the above-mentioned purpose." A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

#### MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE regular meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett Jun. Vice President occupied the President's chair; Bro. Thos. Fenn Past Grand Deacon and Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies occupied the chair of Senior Vice President; and Bro. Charles A. Cotterne Past Grand Pursuivant acted as Junior Vice President. The brethren first confirmed the recommendations made at last monthly meeting, to the amount of £505. There were thirty-four cases on the new list, and thirty-one of these the brethren relieved with the amount of £1,125. One case was granted £250, one £200, three £50 each, one £40, four £30 each, seven £25 each, five £20 each, one £15, seven £10 each, and one £5. Three cases were deferred for informality.

#### ROBERT BURNS CHAPTER, No. 25.

THE installation meeting took place on Monday, 22nd March, at Freemasons' Hall, London. Present:—Comps. G. E. Sherville M.E.Z., Charles Martin H., William Land J., William Kerby twice P.Z. of this Chapter (also of Hermes) Treasurer, William Platt P.Z. Scribe E., W. W. Baxter S.N., Frederick Hatton P.S., T. Elsey 1st A.S., J. E. Shand 2nd A.S., H. H. Smith W.S., J. Stead Janitor; Visitor:—Comp. Dr. R. W. Dunn; Members:—Comps. John Denton P.Z., Peter Thomson, Joseph Taylor, G. Deaton, J. Lindner, G. Simmons. Report of audit Committee was received and considered satisfactory. The election of Principals and installation was proceeded with as follows:—Comps. Martin M.E.Z., Land H., Baxter J.; Officers invested:—Sherville I.P.Z., Kerby P.Z. Treasurer, Platt P.Z. Scribe E., F. Hatton S.N., T. Elsey P.S., J. E. Shand 1st A.S., Joseph Taylor 2nd A.S., H. H. Smith W.S. Comp. Martin, 1st Principal, in felicitous terms presented to Comp. Sherville the R.A. jewel, voted by the Chapter as a mark of appreciation, and in recognition of his services as M.E.Z. during the past year. Chapter closed, and the Comps. dined, the M.E.Z. proposing in eloquent terms the usual loyal and R.A. toasts, which were well and ably responded to, and a song or two was interspersed so that the evening was very pleasantly spent, the Comps. separating at a late hour until the fourth Thursday in October.

**Joppa Chapter, No. 188.**—The regular convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday the 22nd inst. (in lieu of the regular meeting, that being Bank Holiday), at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps.:—P. Dickinson M.E.Z., L. Lazarus H., T. H. Gulliford J., E. P. Albert P.Z. Treasurer, N. Baum S.E., Budrus S.N., H. P. Isaac P.S.; P.Z.'s S. M. Lazarus, W. Littau, H. M. Levy, J. Lazarus; Comps. Lenzberg, Grove Ellis, Dewsnap, Brall, Hawkins, Hobinstock, D. P. Cohen, J. Pasta, Davis, &c. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Charles Levy No. 188 was balloted for, and duly exalted into R.A. Masouri by the M.E.Z., perfectly and impressively. The working of the Principals and Officers deserves especial praise. The Chapter was then closed until May. The Companions sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Comp. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. Silver. The M.E.Z. proposed the usual loyal and R.A. toasts; the Janitor's toast was given in due course, and the Comps. separated.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87.**—The installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the South London Masonic Hall, Belvedere-road, Lambeth, on Wednesday, 10th inst., Bro. Charles Nott being installed. The gathering was a most successful one. Bro. Terry, in responding to the toast of the Charities, made one of those forcible appeals to the brethren for which he is so famous. We trust that the result which will follow as the donation of the brethren will go to maintain the prestige of the Lodge. From the agenda paper for the last meeting we learn that the Lodge is vice Patron of the Institution for Aged Freemasons (£100), Vice Patron of the Institution for the Widows of Freemasons (£100), also L.G. of the latter Institution; V.P. of the Boys' School (£52 10s), and V.P. of the Girls' School (£52 10s), a very creditable position for any Lodge to occupy. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. Churchill Arlidge, assisted by Miss Fanny Nott, Bros. Z. Huntley, W. W. Norman, Messrs. Frederick Paton, Alfred Brown, W. Humphreys, C. E. Nott, and Master E. Nott.

**St. John's Lodge, No. 221.**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 17th March, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton. Present—Bros. Henry Stead W.M., John L. Aldred S.W., Jabez Boothroyd J.W., Thos. Mitchell Prov. G. Tyler Sec., G. P. Brockbank P.P.S.G.D. Treas., John Isherwood as S.D., Edwin Melrose J.D., Joseph Serl I.G., Thos. Higson Tyler, P.M. Bro. Whitaker; also Bros. Crompton, Wadeson, Cosgrove, Nicholson W.M. St. George's 1723, and Bradboom. Lodge was opened and the members confirmed the minutes of preceding meeting. Bro. Crompton passed a satisfactory examination and retired for preparation. Lodge opened in the third, and Bro. Crompton was raised by Bro. Nathaniel Nicholson W.M. St. George's 1723. A candidate was balloted for and approved, and another candidate proposed for initiation. Bro. Brockbank reported that he and two other Past Masters—Bros. Taylor and Stanley—had attended the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, along with Bro. Mills of Lodge 37 and Bro. John Morris of Lodge 146. Four of the five Lodges meeting in Bolton being represented on that occasion. Lodge was closed at eight o'clock.

**Lodge of Union, No. 414.**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 16th March 1880, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Sam. Bradley W.M., C. Stephens S.W., R. C. Mount P.M. J.W., S. A. Pocock Treas., M. J. Withers Sec., F. Ferguson S.D., S. Wheeler J.D., D. A. Witherington D.C., F. Blackwell and W. C. Moffatt Stewards, A. W. Parry I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Yetts, Strachan, Baker, Morris, R. Bradley P.G. Sec., C. Oades I.P.M.; Bros. E. Davis, Higgs, S. W. Webb, Martin, Albury, Hawkes, D. Oswell, Webb, George. Visitors—Bros. W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec. 1101, W. Collins 1101, J. E. Danks W.M. 1101, R. C. Prickett Steward 1101. The Lodge was regularly opened, and the ballot was taken for Mr. E. Chamberlain, of Henley-on-Thames, who was declared to be elected. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees. Bros. Owell and George were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. The W.M. of 1101, Bro. J. Early Danks, informed the W.M. and members of 414 that the I.P.M. of 1101, Bro. Flanagan, had presented the Grey Friars Lodge with the portraits of its founders, handsomely framed and mounted, and they had ventured to appropriate a place for it on the walls of the Hall, to which he hoped the brethren of 414 would not raise an objection. The W.M. expressed the pleasure it would give the members of the mother Lodge to see the portraits of the founders of the daughter Lodge adorning the walls of their Hall. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation. Bro. J. Morris P.M. drew attention to the balance sheet, in which he saw that the contents of the "broken column" was carried into the general receipts of the Treasury, instead of being paid to either of the Charities; he moved "that in future the contents be devoted to one of the Charities." Bros. R. Bradley P.M. and Oades I.P.M. explained that although the precise amount placed in the "broken column" was not remitted to either of the Charities, yet, as the contribution made by the Lodge to one of them amounted to more than the contents of the column, it might be fairly said that the sum collected was duly appropriated. As Bro. Morris did not press his motion, the subject dropped. The Secretary read a letter addressed to the Chaplain by the D.P.G.M. of Berks and Bucks, which was as follows:—"The Prebendal, Aylesbury, 1st March 1880. My Dear Bro. Garry,—Please to convey to the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Lodge of Union No. 414, my grateful thanks for the very kind and gratifying resolution which I have received through you. I am conscious that the cause of Masonry has not received any very material help from me during my residence in the Province, and during the time that I have filled the position of D.P.G.M., but it has been simply from want of time, not lack of interest in the good cause, and I am abundantly rewarded for any little services which I may have rendered to the Craft by the very kind good wishes of the brethren conveyed to me by you. Pray give them my cordial greeting and best wishes for the future prosperity of Masonry in general, and of the Lodge of Union 414 in particular; and believe me, ever yours sincerely and fraternally, ARTHUR T. PUREY-CUST D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks." It was ordered that the letter be entered on the minutes. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed.

**Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.**—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Canning-town, on Tuesday, 23rd March. P.M. Bro. Cundick W.M., P.M. T. J. Barnes S.W., P.M. Myers J.W., P.M. Musto I.P.M. The Lodge was opened in due form to the third degree, and resumed to the first, when the Fifteen Sections were

worked by the following brethren:—1st lecture Bros. T. Loane, Watkins, Webb, Ellis, Myers, Barnes, McDonald; 2nd lecture Bros. Rawe, Keable, Musto, Smith, Worsley; 3rd lecture Bros. Webb, Musto, Ellis. The Lodge was again resumed to the first degree, and Bro. T. Loane of Langthorne Lodge 1451 was unanimously elected a member. A unanimous vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to P.M. Bro. Cundick for the very excellent manner in which he had worked the Fifteen Sections, also to Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 551 and 933, for his services in kindly acting as S.W., and that he be elected an honorary member. Votes of thanks were also passed to P.M. Myers and Webb. The W.M. thanked the whole of the brethren who had assisted him, and Bro. Barnes passed a very high compliment on Bro. Musto for having brought out of so a young Lodge of Instruction members that worked the sections so well. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned to Tuesday next, the 30th inst. The Lodge was crammed in every part; the following Bros. were present:—Smith, Fyfe, Ellis, Lewis, Nash, Shepherd, Webb, Loane, Booth, Hudson, Dixon, Pavitt, Cope, Spencer, Medling, Prosser, Rawe, White, Sadler, Keable, McDonald, Clark, and several others.

**Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.**—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 18th March, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. C. J. Scales W.M., W. Side S.W., Bro. W. M. Stiles P.M. as J.W., Jas. Willing P.M. Treasurer, J. J. Michael P.M. Secretary, H. Stiles J.D., G. Clark I.G., H. Lovegrove P.M. D.C., Bro. J. Douglass I.P.M., Bro. Kingham, and Bros. Beattie, G. V. Knight, Tuck, Ward, Edwards, Fraser, Cruikshank, Freebody, Baron Von Tottenborn, &c. After the formal opening of the Lodge, and the confirmation of the minutes, Bros. Fraser and Barnard answered the necessary questions, and were raised to the third degree. Bros. C. H. Everett, E. J. Chant, and M. J. Rowley were entrusted, and afterwards passed to the second degree. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. W. Side S.W. was unanimously elected. Bro. James Willing P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, amid the acclamations of the brethren. Both appropriately returned thanks. Bro. Daly was appointed Tyler. The Audit Committee was nominated. The W.M. then proposed that the Lodge hold a Summer Festival. This was seconded by Bro. Kingham P.M., and a Committee was appointed to carry out the necessary arrangements. Bro. James Willing P.M. and Treasurer proposed that the sum of ten guineas be given from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of presenting the W.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of the services he had rendered to the Lodge during his year of office. This was seconded by Bro. J. J. Michael P.M. Sec., and carried unanimously. Hearty good wishes were given by the brethren and visitors, and Lodge was closed until October. The brethren, seventy-three in number, sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Clemow. Grace having been said, the W.M., in brief terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. James Willing P.M. then rose: in the absence of the I.P.M., he had the pleasure of proposing the toast of the W.M. He was pleased to see how well the work had been done. Bro. Scales on leaving the chair would carry with him the respect of all in the Lodge. The W.M. in reply thanked Bro. Willing for his kind remarks, and the brethren for the reception they had given to the toast. He had always their interests at heart. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the W.M. elect, said that Bro. Side was one who had worked in every office with credit; he had now reached the proud position of W.M. elect, and he (Bro. Scales) was sure he would carry out the duties of the Lodge to their satisfaction. Bro. Side thanked the W.M. He was sure the brethren had given their votes for his election with all their hearts. In taking upon himself the duties of W.M., he would exert all his energy; no matter what difficulties they might have to contend with, he would try to discharge the duties to their satisfaction. In speaking of the P.M.'s, the W.M. said without the assistance of those brethren the Lodge could not have prospered so well. In Bro. Michael the brethren had a very good representative, who had well performed the duties of the Lodge, and carried out the principles of hospitality. Bro. James Willing P.M. and Treasurer, in a humorous and eloquent speech, responded to the toast with pride. He said it had always been received with courtesy; he regretted the absence of Bro. Williams, who from illness and other causes, had been absent. When the new W.M. presided over them, he hoped he would have as happy a year of office as that of the present W.M. Bro. Michael P.M. followed, and then the W.M. proposed the toast of the Visitors, whom they were all pleased to see. He hoped the members would give a hearty reception to the toast. Bros. Hayday, Mayer, Captain Dowell, and Lieut. Paul Storr responded, and then the W.M. proposed the toast of the Treasurer, and then came that of the Secretary. The latter toast having been responded to by Bro. Michael, the W.M., in proposing the toast of the Wardens and Officers said no better working brethren could be found. Bro. C. J. Stiles J.W. responded, and then the Tyler gave the parting remembrance. During the evening Bro. Silvester (Sidney Franks) and several others contributed to the harmony of the meeting. Among the Visitors were Bros. James Smith 1744, Hayday P.M. 534, Silvester 193, Goodall 1732, Mayes 51, Humphreys 167, L. Jacobs 1732, B. Kauffmann 1732, Nelson 1328, Cater P.M. 9, E. Storr 177, Capt. Dowell J.W. 1466, Paul Storr 167, Ginger 1288, H. Dowell 1466, H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

**Hemming Lodge, No. 1512.**—A meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton, on Thursday, 18th inst. Bro. Jessett W.M. presiding, supported by Bros. Fox I.P.M., T. W. Ockenden S.W., T. C. Walls J.W., Hiscox J.D., Moody I.G., Gilbert Tyler, Past Master's W. Hammond Sec., E. Hopwood Treas., Hurst; and Bros. Davy, Papworth, Knowles, Wheeler. Visitors—Bros. Wilson P.M. Etonian Lodge and Welch, No. 3. After the Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, four gentlemen were successfully ballotted for initiation. The Lodge having been opened on the centre Bro. A. J. Emms 1656 was raised to the sublime degree by Bro. W. Hammond

Bro. T. W. Ockenden S.W. was elected W.M. for the year ensuing, and Bros. Hopwood and J. Gilbert re-elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively, the votes in every case being unanimous. Ten guineas was voted to Bro. Hurst's list for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and instead of presenting Bro. Jessett with a Past Master's jewel it was unanimously resolved to vote another ten guineas to constitute him a Life Governor of whichever of the three Metropolitan Institutions he liked to select. Bro. Hopwood in a few well-chosen words made a touching allusion to the death of the late Bro. Row, formerly Treasurer of the Lodge. The meeting was adjourned until the third Thursday in October next, and the brethren retired to supper.

**Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.**—A Lodge was held in the Lodge room, St. George's Hall, Park-street, Deal, on Friday, 18th inst. Present—Bros. J. Loggett W.M. in the chair; T. J. Usher P.M. P.P.G.R. Sec., Rev. J. B. Harrison P.M. P.G. Chap., T. Ayling P.M. P.P.G.D.C., E. Kirby P.M. and Treas., H. R. Botting S.W., G. Band as J.W., W. Carterfield S.D., F. R. England J.D., G. G. Thompson Steward as I.G., H. Abrahams Org., S. Willey, W. T. Pritchard, W. Dunn, R. S. Davey, H. Chambers, T. E. Lanrence, W. J. Norris, J. Loughlin, G. C. Harding and S. Holgate Tyler. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer and the minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The first business on the agenda paper was to elect a W.M. for the year ensuing. The W.M. called on Bro. Sec. to read the names of the brethren eligible to fill the chair, when the choice of the members was unanimous in favour of Bro. H. R. L. Botting S.W. Bro. E. Kirby P.M. was then unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. S. Holgate re-elected Tyler. Bro. Rev. J. B. Harrison P.M. proposed, and Bro. T. Ayling P.M. seconded, that twenty guineas from the Lodge Funds be placed on Bro. Kirby's list, he having accepted the office of Steward to the R.M. Institution for Girls, which proposition was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed in due form, a most pleasant and convivial hour being spent by the brethren. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk and heartily responded to.

**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.**—On Monday, 8th inst., a regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York, when Bro. C. G. Padel occupied the chair, supported by Bros. J. S. Cumberland I.P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., Geo. Balmford P.M. Treas., J. T. Seller S.W., Geo. Simpson J.W., J. Kay Sec., M. Millington S.D., J. Yorke as J.D., J. Blenkin I.G., and other brethren. Successful ballots were taken for a joining member and a candidate, and an accepted candidate was duly initiated. Bro. T. B. Whytehead then delivered an address on the Study of Freemasonry, more especially with regard to the ancient landmarks, in which he showed that no object of study offered so wide a scope for investigation, or embraced so many of the arts and sciences, as Freemasonry. It was this that rendered it specially cosmopolitan in its nature; for there was no brother of intelligence who could not find some branch of Masonic science to fit his taste and suit his proclivities. He urged upon the members the advantage of becoming reading Masons. He had never met a studious Mason yet who did not agree that the more he knew of the science the more he admired and loved its study; and those brethren who were careless of the Order, and neglected its study, were those who were entirely ignorant of its nature and objects. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded for the paper, and a desire expressed to have it printed for circulation amongst the members. The Lodge Committee announced that they had forwarded to the newly-appointed Dean of York, Bro. the Very Rev. A. P. Curey-Cast D.P.G.M. for Berks and Bucks, a congratulatory address, with a fraternal welcome to York, and a reply to the Dean was also read, in which he acknowledged the graceful act in most courteous terms, and expressed a hope that he would be able to afford his aid to the Craft in his new and high position. The Lodge was then closed.

**Crusaders, No. 1677.**—The above Lodge held its regular meeting on Wednesday, the 10th instant, at Bro. T. Butt's, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, under the presidency of Bro. T. Good W.M., J. W. Simmonds S.W., F. Rothschild J.W., J. Maples P.M. Treasurer, J. Defriez Sec., Millward S.D., Calderwood J.D., J. Pigott I.G., Gay D.C., Rushton Org., Good Asst. W.S., and Hunter I.P.M. After preliminaries a letter of apology for non-attendance was read from Bro. Rev. Caseley, who was elected an hon. member at the last meeting. Bro. Defriez read the bye-laws of the Lodge. Bros. W. Clark and Byass answered the questions satisfactorily, and were raised to the third degree by the W.M., to whom great credit is due for his working; the Officers ably assisted him. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. J. W. Simmonds S.W. was unanimously chosen. Bro. J. Maples P.M. was re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Very was elected Tyler. Bro. Hunter P.M. rose: Since the formation of the Lodge the members had always had a summer banquet; he now proposed that one should take place this year, and that a committee, consisting of the W.M., Wardens, and some of the brethren, be formed to make arrangements. This was seconded by the S.W., who suggested that a sum of £20 should be given from the funds to carry out Bro. Hunter's proposal. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Hunter P.M. then proposed that the usual P.M.'s jewel be presented to the W.M. on his retiring from the chair, for the zeal and ability he had displayed during his year of office. The Lodge was then closed until October, and the brethren, forty-nine in number, sat down to a banquet and dessert. The W.M. proposed the usual toasts. Bro. Hunter I.P.M. said it was a great privilege to propose the health of the W.M., who was well qualified to fill the chair during his year of office. Although suffering greatly from indisposition, he had come manfully before them and done every duty the Lodge required of him. The W.M. thanked Bro. Hunter and the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received. This was the last time he should occupy the chair; he sincerely trusted the Lodge would

continue to prosper. Before resuming his seat, he would ask them to drink the toast of the W.M. elect. Bro. Simmonds was one of the founders of their Lodge, and a P.M. of another; he hoped the brethren would give him the same support he (the speaker) had always received. The W. Master elect, in reply, hoped to follow in the footsteps of those who had preceded him. The toast of the P.M.'s, Bros. Hunter and Maples, was next given. The W.M. hoped they would be among them for many years. Bro. Dr. J. E. Carpenter P.M. 1196 here sang a song of his own composition, that elicited loud applause. Bro. Hunter I.P.M. now responded, and thanked the brethren heartily for their reception. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors; there were a goodly number, and many distinguished members in the Order; he would call on Bros. Hicks, Dr. Carpenter, H. M. Levy, and Paul Storr to respond. After the brethren named had responded, the Officers were complimented, and then the Tyler gave the parting toast. During the evening, Bros. Millward, Woolf, Rushton, Emil Beyer, and Cartwright contributed to the harmony. Among the Visitors were Bros. W. Hicks P.P.G.S. Kent, S. Lehmaner 1196, Thomas Argot 1602, Paul Storr 167 and 1411, E. Berger W.M. 434, Dr. Carpenter P.M. 1196, Fisher 1624, Higgins 1258, Bayley 1333, Patrick 1227, Cartwright 917, H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

#### ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

**St. Peter's Chapter, No. 31, Bolton.**—A meeting of this Chapter was held at Bolton on Saturday, the 20th March, at four o'clock in the afternoon. Present:—Bros. Thos. Clark 18 M.W.S., Wm. Remo 1st General, Thos. Morris 18 P.M.W.S. as 2nd General, A. Middleton 18 Marshal, John Thomson 18 Raphael, Ill. Bro. Thomas Entwistle 30 P.M.W.S. Treasurer, Ill. Bro. G. P. Brockbank 31 P.M.W.S. as Recorder, Ill. Bro. R. Young P.M.W.S., and many other members of the Chapter, also Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister 33 Insp. Gen. Three candidates, whose names were announced in the Circular, were balloted for and elected, and two of them being in attendance were introduced and perfected as Rose Croix Masons by the M.W.S., assisted by Bro. Banister. Bro. William Remo 1st General elected M.W.S. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Thomas Entwistle 30 Treasurer. Bros. Brockbank and Horrocks were appointed auditors of the accounts for the past year. A number of copies of the Rules and Regulations of the Supreme Council were ordered to be purchased, and one copy given to each member of the Chapter. On the motion of Bro. Brockbank 31 it was resolved:—That the sum of two guineas be voted to the fund being raised as a testimonial to Illas. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke 33, now Grand Secretary of England, in recognition of his valuable and unpaid services to the Ancient and Accepted Rite in the capacity of Secretary General to the Supreme Council 33 for many years. The Chapter closed at six p.m. and adjourned to banquet.

#### CRYPTIC RITE.

**St. John's Council, No. 8, Bolton.**—A meeting of this Council was held on Saturday, the 20th March 1880, at 2 o'clock p.m. Present:—P.M. Bro. Brockbank Grand Captain of Guards T.I.M., P.M. Bro. Thos. Entwistle Grand Dep. Master R.I.D.M., Bro. James Newton Recorder, Bro. A. Middleton C. of G., and Bros. Clark, Young, and Thomson. After confirmation of the minutes of the preceding meeting, Bro. Thos. Clark was installed T.I.M. for the ensuing year, and appointed Bros. Reginald Young R.I.D.M., John Thomson P.C. of W., A. Middleton Capt. of Guards. It was resolved that the future meetings of the Council be held at Liverpool. Bros. Brockbank and Entwistle were elected honorary members of the Council. The Council closed at four p.m.

From the *Portsmouth Times* we learn that the new Lodge, to be held at Winchester, under the title of William of Wykeham, will be consecrated next month, and that the list of Officers will be as under:—Bros. S. R. Everitt P.M. W.M., E. D. Godwin P.M. S.W., W. Gamon P.M. J.W., H. Warren Secretary, J. T. Burchatt Treasurer, Lumsden S.D., Sealey J.D., Pottle I.G., E. Macklin S.S., T. Bailey J.S., W. H. Jacob D.C. There are already funds enough to furnish the Lodge and provide various necessities.

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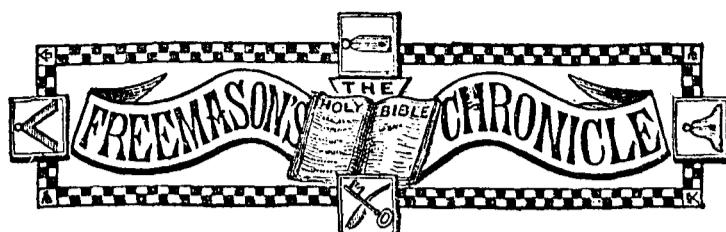
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THURSDAY the 11th inst. was a red-letter day in the annals of Freemasonry in the City of Canterbury. On the afternoon of that day was laid the corner-stone of the new temple. The Craft having passed through various vicissitudes in the City, may now be said to have been launched on the full tide of prosperity, and the hopes of its most faithful adherents will doubtless culminate in making Canterbury the metropolis of Freemasonry, if not for the whole province, at any rate for East Kent. This supposition is not without warranty, inasmuch as, in addition to three Craft Lodges there have been consecrated R.A. and Rose Croix Chapters in the City, while a Mark Lodge and a K.T. Encampment are in contemplation. The new temple, which will be 41ft. in length, 24ft. in width, and 23ft. to the principals of the roof, is connected by a lobby with an ante-room 30ft. in length by 14ft. 6in. in width. There will be also a commodious instruction-room, committee-room, and Tyler's room. The plans were prepared gratuitously by Bro. J. Green Hall, P.M. (the City Surveyor), and the building will be erected by Bro. J. E. Wiltshire, and the brethren feel they owe Bro. Wiltshire a debt of gratitude for the truly fraternal spirit in which he has undertaken the task.

The whole of the arrangements have been carried out under the direction of a Building Committee elected from the three Lodges, with Bro. G. Pilcher P.M. 972 P.G.D.C. for Chairman. Bros. H. T. Sankey P.M. 31, H. Ward P.M., J. E. Wiltshire P.M., J. F. Cozens P.M., W. Tice W.M. 31, H. Miskin W.M. 1449, and other brethren have also rendered valuable assistance.

The ceremony was performed with full rites by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Canterbury, Bro. J. Hemery P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.W., in the presence of the V.W. the D.P.G.M. Bro. Eastes and several P.G. Officers, on the premises, 38 St. Peter's Street.

A United Lodge of the brethren of Nos. 31 972 and 1449 was called for 3.0 p.m., and the following, among others, were present:—Bros. W. Tice W.M. 31 in the chair of K.S., W. H. Vile W.M. 972 acting S.W., H. Miskin W.M. 1449 acting J.W., T. H. Walkley S.D., A. W. Cattelle J.D., F. Horner I.G.; the following brethren of the United Industrious Lodge 31—W. H. Longhurst S.W., F. Finn J.W., P. Higham P.M. P.P.G.W. and Treasurer, H. Ward P.M. P.P.G.W. Wilts, A. E. Gathorne-Hardy P.P.G.D.C. Oxon., J. Mangan P.M. and Chaplain, C. Holtum P.M., H. T. Sankey P.M., P. H. Knight P.M., J. Hemery P.M., J. E. Wiltshire P.M., John R. Hall P.M. and Secretary, J. Green Hall P.M., J. Plant P.M., J. Coppin P.M., H. Ingram P.M., F. W. Cross, F. Wacher, R. Rhodes, W. G. Piddock, W. D. Young and J. Bateman; the following brethren of St. Augustine No. 972—G. Pilcher P.M., R. Blake P.M., A. Pierce P.M., A. J. Beer P.M., John F. Cozens P.M., S. F. Pringuer S.D., T. B. Rosseter J.D., H. F. Pringuer Secretary, G. Holloway, E. Ayre, F. Clarke, G. Down, T. Crump, A. Pilch, S. Newman, A. Potter, W. H. Thomas, A. W. Goldsmith, A. J. Pelling, J. Wilson, J. H. Higgins, J. Probert, R. Westwood, S. Hyde, S. E. White, W. Plant, F. Scoones, G. Hart, H. Turner, G. Farley, and J. Holness; the following brethren of the Royal Military No. 1449—T. Blamiers S.W., J. Vautier S.D., W. Price Sec., Edwin Beer I.P.M., H. S. Naylor P.M. P.G.S.B., H. Minell P.M., E. Plume P.M., F. H. Widgery, J. Stewart, H. Carter, H. Hammond, A. Johnson, O. Davies, B. W. Martin, J. Menagh, H. Bellinger, W. A. Pardoe, and W. Harnet; and the following visiting brethren—Bros. J. Emerson P.P.G.S.D., L. Finch P.M. P.P.G.D.C., W. Elcombe S.D. 1692, T. Graham 291, H. Porter 552, J. Wood 730, C. W. Fewson 65, E. R. Conner 908, F. Lesth P.M. 1096, James Suttie 225 S.C., J. MacCormack 91 Ireland, &c.

The Lodge having been opened in due form, a procession was formed, and on reaching the site the brethren filed off right and left. The D.P.G.M. the Mayor, and those assisting in the ceremony, passed between the open ranks and took up their places round the stone. The procession passed and the brethren took up their positions, to the strains of the March of the Priests from *Eli*, and during the ceremony Bro. Dr. Longhurst presided at the harmonium, while members of the Cathedral choir rendered the vocal portions.

The Choir having chanted Psalm cxxii.—“I was glad when they said unto me,” the President of the Building Committee, Bro. Pilcher, in presenting the trowel addressed the Mayor, who wore his robes and insignia of office, as follows:—

Worshipful Sir,—It is with more than ordinary feelings of pleasure that I, as the representative of the Building Committee, have complied with the request to ask you this afternoon to lay the corner-stone of this building which it is intended to erect and dedicate solely and exclusively to Masonic purposes. You, Sir, appear among us to-day in a two-fold capacity. First, as the Chief Magistrate of our ancient city, and I assure you that it has been a source of considerable satisfaction to those among us who are Masons to think that one of our own Order should thus have been selected to fill so high and honourable a position; and next, as Past Master of the oldest, or, rather, I should say, the oldest Lodge in the city of Canterbury—a Lodge of which I never hear mention but, I am free to confess, I find my organ of veneration pretty considerably developed. Established now considerably more than a century, it reminds one of the sturdy oak, which after having withstood many a wintry blast, still

rears its head erect, having come unscathed out of them all. Representing thus in your own person two such exalted positions, that of Chief Magistrate of the City, and Past Master of the oldest Lodge, I am sure the brethren will agree with me that the laying of this stone could not have been entrusted to more worthy, or more competent hands, and we highly appreciate the honour you have done us to-day by consenting to perform this ceremony. Standing here as I do among an assemblage of Masons, it is quite unnecessary for me to dilate on the excellencies of our Institution. We are not of those who compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and whether we are anathematised by the Pope of Rome or by Popes of an inferior degree—of whom I regret to say there are many yet—still we are quite content, through good report and evil report, to pursue the even tenour of our way. “Deeds, not words,” is our motto, and by our actions, or rather the results of those actions, we are perfectly willing at all times to abide. Worshipful Sir, permit me to present you with this trowel. Intrinsically it is of little worth, but connected as it will be with the proceedings of this day, I feel quite sure that in years to come, if it please the Great Architect of the Universe to spare your valuable life, you will look upon it with a certain degree of pleasure, while to those who follow after, it may serve as a reminder of the excellent service you will have this day rendered to the Masonic cause in the good old city of Canterbury.

The acting Chaplain, the Rev. Bro. Mangan, D.D., at the request of his Worship, offered the following prayer:—“Almighty God, Great Architect of the Universe, send Thy blessing, we pray Thee, on this our present convention; and as Thou didst fulfil the devotion of David by the work of his son our Grand Master, King Solomon, so vouchsafe to accomplish our desires; that as we hope to raise on this Corner-Stone a Temple in which the great mysteries of our Sacred Order may be duly performed, we may be evermore established in Thy strength and be found more worthy hereafter to enter into Thy Temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. So mote it be.” The Mayor directed a bottle containing a copy of the Masonic Calendar, a copy of Bro. Warne’s Freemasons’ Manual for the Province of Kent, and other documents, together with sundry silver coins of the present year to be placed in a cavity beneath the stone. He then, assisted by an E.A., spread the mortar and gave the order to lower the stone into its proper place, during which the choir chanted the anthem “Blessed is the man.” (Goss). The Mayor, receiving the plumb rule from Bro. Higham, proved the stone perpendicular; the level from Bro. H. T. Sankey, declaring it to be level, and the square from the hands of the D.P.G.M. Bro. Eastes, proving it to be square. Having thus, with due skill and care, tested the work, he was handed the mallet by Bro. Holtum, with which the stone was struck in the regular manner and declared to be well and truly laid in the name of the G.A.O.T.U. Corn was sprinkled upon the stone as an emblem of plenty, with the words, “May the blessing of bounteous heaven be showered down upon us, and may our hearts be filled with gratitude.” Wine was also poured on as an emblem of joy and gladness, with the words, “May our hearts be made glad by the influence of Divine Truth, and may Virtue flourish as the Vine,” and Oil, as an emblem of peace and consolation, with the invocation, “May Peace, Harmony, Good Will, and Brotherly Love ever abound amongst us.” The choir having chanted “So mote it be,” Bro. the Rev. Dr. Mangan, who wore his Doctor of Divinity robes, then ascended a raised platform and delivered an oration. He had been desired, he said, to address the company that afternoon in reference to the solemn and most interesting event that had brought them together. In so doing he felt himself embarrassed by certain circumstances, because he was reminded that trains were inexorable, and would not wait even for free and accepted Masons; also of work to be done yet in one of the three Lodges; of the imperative punctuality demanded by the banquet which was to take place presently, and of the restrictions necessarily imposed upon him by the ancient landmarks of the Order; therefore his observations must necessarily be brief. They had that day assisted in the laying of the corner-stone of their Masonic Temple, and those his non-Masonic friends were, he was sure, equally interested with his Masonic brethren who had followed the ceremony in all its Masonic details, and who were able to interpret the mysteries connected with the ceremony. At the same time it would be admitted by even an experienced Mason that it was not an every day matter to be present at the laying of the corner-stone of a Masonic Temple. Therefore on that day they were beginning a very important event in the annals of Masonry in that ancient city—plainly stamping the impress of Masonry among the inhabitants of that place by exhibiting the strength and beauty of Masonry, to be handed down to brethren of generations yet to come. Of course Masonic Lodges were being formed every day, and they thanked the Great Architect of the Universe that they were being so continually formed that it was now a mere matter of form to see mention of them in the various reports of their ancient Order. But the erection of the material edifice specially set apart and dedicated for Masonic purposes, was not an event usually experienced in the annals of Masonry; and therefore they could not but congratulate themselves at having placed one additional mark in the country to prove how thoroughly identified with Masonry were the hearts and affections of the brethren; and their devotion and self-sacrifice were shown in the present instance. But when he read the history of the past he was not at all astonished that in Canterbury they should be preparing to rear up a stately Masonic Temple to the service of the Great Architect of the Universe, for enshrining within its dedicated walls those mysteries and traditions inseparably connected with their Grand Master, King Solomon. He remembered he had read that some 400 years ago a Masonic Lodge was in existence in that ancient city of Canterbury, and that King Henry VI. himself sought and gained admittance amongst the brethren. He read further, and found that some 150 years ago there was a Lodge in the city also, and after the stirring vicissitudes of a century and a half that Lodge had revived again, and showed its renewed and refreshed growth, and was now known as the United Industrious Lodge, 31. Therefore, under these circumstances, it was not at all wonderful

that there should be a certain building set apart specially for their Masonic ceremonies. And when he spoke of the United Industrious Lodge, as he spoke to a great number of his audience who were Masons, he remembered that brotherly love, relief, and truth were three of the great elements which they imprinted on their hearts and most certainly carried out in their daily life and experience—therefore, when he spoke of the brotherly love that prevailed amongst all Masons, he knew he was not touching any chord of jealousy in the hearts of any brother who did not hail from the United Industrious Lodge, when he said it was to that Lodge that they were indebted for the originating of the idea now being developed in the laying of that stone. The other two Lodges in the city had nobly co-operated with that Lodge, as also indeed had the Royal Arch Chapter and the Rose Croix Chapter. It would, he knew, be invidious among them all to mention a few names to the omission of others; yet there were certain brethren who would be representative names to be handed down from one generation to another; he referred to Bros. Sankey, Holtum, Ward, the two Halls, and Wiltshier, and also the worthy gentleman who had taken the most prominent part in connection with the laying of the foundation stone. And they looked with gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for the true Masonic and fraternal spirit which had been actuating those brethren in the circumstances connected with the originating of the idea and the carrying of it out to a glorious end; and they had hope and a pleasant assurance that they would be nobly sustained by their brethren, and that in times of distrust and natural despondency their hands would be worthily upheld. The names of those brethren whom he had mentioned would be enshrined for ever in the lasting gratitude and affections of the rest of their Masonic brethren. Now, as he addressed so many of the outer world, whose presence the Masons so greatly welcomed, he would strive to answer the question which frequently came from the lips of people whenever the name or presence of Masonry was suggested, and which would come with increased emphasis that day. He often heard his non-Masonic friends ask the question, What were the benefits of such ceremonies on which Masons placed so great an importance? Now with regard to the meaning of those ceremonies he was afraid his mouth must be closed towards a great many, especially his lady hearers. (Laughter.) He believed his fair countrywoman, Lady Elizabeth Aldworth, must stand alone for ever as being the only lady Freemason; but to his friends of the sterner sex he could only say that if they desired to know the meaning of those mysteries—one-half of which had not as yet been unfolded—they must do what was done in the case of some of those doughty warriors who came to London by command of Queen Elizabeth in the month of December 1551, with the kind intention of breaking up the Grand Lodge then in session. Sir Thomas Sackville the Grand Master came forth and there and then invited the warriors to be initiated into the mysteries of the Craft; they readily accepted his invitation, and were not merely gratified but so tremendously impressed with the nature of the ordeal through which they had passed that they went back to their Royal Mistress and gave such an account of the condition of Freemasonry that good Queen Bess never after interfered with the working of the Lodges in London or elsewhere. As to the benefits of Masonry he had a somewhat easy task. He would say nothing of their schools and almshouses, of their pensions for decayed brethren, and other benefits for those in distress, but would rather point to that most emphatic fact, that brethren of all social grades meet with equality on a level in the Lodge, thereby receiving and giving free and happy benefits on one side or the other. And the name of God and the Book of God were made to be venerated by all true Masons, and in every Lodge were the highest rules of morality and benevolence taught. If any one asked the question there that day, Why that great enthusiasm amongst Masons who gave of their substance to Charities? his answer was that they looked upon Masonry as an Order which, by the mere power of virtue and morality, had kept on when nations and peoples had passed for ever away—that they traced their origin to a Divine source, which was found among the dark tribes of Hindostan and the Red Indians of North America, which on the battle-field made friends of enemies, so that men would sheath their swords who had drawn them in each other's blood; which despised anathemas, which venerated those ordinances and those traditions derived from King Solomon, and which had the impress of antiquity. To develop the great dignity and benefits of their Order they laid the corner-stone that day, that a stately temple may be erected upon it. It might not please the Great Architect of the Universe to allow all of them to witness the consecration of the Temple about to be built, but even as they who were there that day might be separated from each other on the morrow, or might be summoned to take their places in the Grand Lodge above, they would not cease to pray most fervently that peace might for ever live within its walls, and that the brethren discharging their respective duties therein might be for ever united and cemented in the practice of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

The Mayor then returned the plans to Bro. J. Green Hall, the architect, saying, "I return these plans, and desire that you will proceed with all possible despatch in the erection of the building." To Bro. J. E. Wiltshier, the builder, His Worship presented the working tools, saying, "I present you the necessary tools for the erection of this hall, and venture to hope you will raise such a building as will transmit your name with honour to posterity."

The choir having chanted Psalm cl.—"Praise ye the Lord," the patriarchal benediction concluded the ceremony.

The National Anthem was sung by the whole assembly, and while the throng was dispersing Dr. Longhurst played his march from "David and Absalom."

The ceremony was witnessed by about 300 spectators, who were admitted by ticket, and occupied stands erected round the site.

After the ceremony a banquet took place in the old Lodge Room at the Guildhall Hotel, and was excellently served by Bro. Shaxby. The chair was occupied by W. Bro. H. T. Sankey P.M. P.Z. 31 P.P.G.W., who was supported by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Canterbury, Bros. J. Hemery P.P.G.W. P.M. P.Z. 31, the Hon. A. E. Gathorne-

Hardy, M.P., P.P.G.D.C. Oxon, C. Holtum P.M. P.P.G.S. Works P.Z. 31 and 188, the Rev. J. Mangan, D.D., P.P.G.D. Norths and Hunts, and the Rev. J. B. Harrison Great Mongham P.P. Assist. G.C., and about eighty other brethren, Geo. Fisher P.M., Chairman of the Building Committee, filled the vice-chair, being supported on the right by Bros. H. Ward and J. E. Wiltshier, and on the left by J. F. Cozens and E. Plume.

## 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 MARCH.

- 188—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
- 189—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
- 190—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
- 191—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 192—Sini Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
- 193—Peace, Private Rooms, Metham.
- 194—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
- 195—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe

## TUESDAY, 30th MARCH.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
- 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
- 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
- 177—Domatic, 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.)
- 820—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1014—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
- 1319—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1416—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jernyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
- 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
- 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.)
- Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
- 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
- 178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
- 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
- 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
- 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
- 418—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
- 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
- 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
- 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
- 1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
- R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
- K. T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire

## WEDNESDAY, 31st MARCH.

- 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
- 228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
- 538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
- 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
- 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
- 822—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
- 1289—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1763—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
- 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
- 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
- 271—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
- 299—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
- 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
- 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
- 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
- 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
- 730—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
- 972—St. Augustine, Canterbury (Inst.)
- 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
- 1033—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
- 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. (Instruction.)
- 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrold
- 1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
- 1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
- 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
- 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)
- R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
- R. C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester
- K. T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## THURSDAY, 1st APRIL.

- 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, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lombeth, at 8 (Instruction)
- 211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
- 551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
- 742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
- 751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1233—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
- 1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
- 1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston
- 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
- R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
- R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
- R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- M. M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
- M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalton, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)
- 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
- 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nunton
- 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
- 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
- 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
- 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley

- 1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire  
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath  
 R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebdon Bridge  
 R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill  
 R.A. 429—Thunet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.  
 R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.  
 R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.  
 M. M. 158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan  
 K.T.—Farnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury

**FRIDAY, 2nd APRIL.**

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 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)  
 1298—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.  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)  
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)  
 Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 153 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  
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough  
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.  
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.  
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury  
 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop  
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.  
 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  
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Denl  
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield  
 1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.  
 1357—Chorlton, Masonic Room, Chorlton-cum-Hardy  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1523—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.  
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.  
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.  
 1648—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, 3rd APRIL.**

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Nag's Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent  
 1459—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

**INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.****ROYAL UNION, No. 382, UXBRIDGE.**

THE installation of this, the oldest Lodge in the Province of Middlesex, was held at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on Monday, the 15th instant, Bro. W. Webb W.M., who occupied the chair, being ably and numerously supported by his Officers and the members of the Lodge, as well as by a goodly array of visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of raising Bros. Blandford, Cotton, and Mardon to the sublime degree of M.M. was ably and efficiently fulfilled by the W. Master, after which Bros. Haynes and Hanson, having given the requisite evidence of their progress in the Royal Art, were passed to the second degree. Bro. G. E. Cook W.M. Elect, was then introduced for the purpose of being formally inducted into the chair of K.S., and those who are not privileged to assist at the interesting ceremony having withdrawn, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the office of installing Bro. Cook as Master for the current year was discharged by Bro. Past Master J. L. Coulton with his wonted earnestness and ability. The rest of the brethren having been re-admitted, the new Master was saluted and congratulated, and, this done, Bro. Cook appointed as his officers the following brethren, namely, Bros. Charles Russ S.W., Lonsdale J.W., W. Webb I.P.M., C. Davis P.M. (re-elected by the brethren) Treas., W. Coombes P.M. and Prov. G.S.B., who has filled the office for sixteen years, Sec., Cobley S.D., Rowles J.D., Brown Ass. Sec., Cooper I.G., Nicholson D.C., Hall Org., Gaffrard W.S., and Bro. Duffin (who was elected after some discussion) Tyler. To our surprise the investment of the officers was left to Bro. Coulton, who did the work extremely well, but we think it would have been far better had the Master done this himself, especially as we happen to know from experience that his abilities and knowledge of our working are of no mean order. This, indeed, was evidenced later in the evening, when, after the customary hearty good wishes, he initiated Mr. B. Lambe, who had been ballotled for and accepted, into the mysteries of the first degree. The Auditors' Report, which showed a balance on the right side, was submitted and accepted. Some letters were then read, among them being one from Col. Burdett, the G.M. of the Province, who expressed great sorrow at his inability to be present. The resignation of two members was accepted with regret. The case of Bro. John W. Claisen P.M., aged 61 years, who was initiated in the Lodge in March 1862, and afterwards became a joining member of the Strong Man, No. 45, and is a candidate at the ensuing election for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was then brought

to the notice of the Lodge by Bro. Coulton, who spoke earnestly in its favour, and was strongly supported by Bro. Past Master Swallow, who urged that something should be done in aid of our unfortunate brother's immediate necessities. The case evoked much sympathy, and it was agreed to support it with all the influence the Lodge might be able to command. The business having been finished, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which, by the programme, was fixed for six o'clock, although they did not sit down till past seven. This is not the first time a similar delay has occurred, and it is the more to be regretted as the train leaves for Paddington at 9.17 p.m., consequently the time for social converse, and even for getting pleasantly through the list of toasts, was very seriously curtailed. We trust that our worthy brethren of the Royal Union will see to the avoidance of this delay in future, that their guests from a distance may not be hurried and flurried over their just refreshment after labour. The banquet was, however, worthy alike of host and guests, and the list of toasts, if somewhat quickly exhausted, received due acknowledgment. In speaking of the Prince of Wales, the W.M. very justly remarked that there never had been a more popular Grand Master. Due honour was paid to the respected Prov. G. Master Col. Burdett, whose absence was the subject of general regret. Bro. Webb I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who, he said, was the right man in the right place, and who, in acknowledgment, expressed his thanks for the compliment paid him as well as his determination to do all in his power to promote the interests of the Lodge, especially as it was able to point to such distinguished members as Bros. James Glaisher, C. A. Cottobrane, both Past Grand Officers of England, and others. In conclusion, Bro. Cook proposed the health of his immediate predecessor in the chair, Bro. Webb, and, in doing so, presented to him the P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted to him in testimony of the services he had rendered during his term of office. The gift and the kindly sentiments of the W. Master having been most feelingly acknowledged, the other toasts, including that of the Initiate, the Visitors, &c., followed, the Tyler's toast being the signal for the break up of a most pleasant gathering. Among the Past Masters of the Lodge present were Bros. E. C. Woodward, J. L. Coulton, J. Weedon, T. Swallow, G. Fehrenbach, and B. H. Swallow. The Visitors included Bros. Thos. Smith 1604, W. Clarke J.D. 141, George Briggs W.M. 1572, J. B. Docker S.W. 1687, G. W. Cox 87, F. Farr 1687, and W. W. Morgan Sec. 211.

**SCIENTIFIC LODGE, No. 840.**

ON Monday, 15th inst., the installation ceremony of the Scientific Lodge was held at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverton, when a large number of brethren were present. Bro. W. F. Large was duly installed W.M., the ceremony being very efficiently performed by Bro. R. Hales P.M. P.P.J.G.W. At the conclusion of the interesting ceremony the newly-installed W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers as follows:—Bros. J. Eady S.W., J. W. Longstaff J.W., Rev. F. W. Harratt Chaplain, W. H. Robinson Treas., A. Culverhouse I.P.M. and Sec., J. Wade S.D., W. Mackey J.D., R. P. Hamilton I.G., J. Sutcliffe D.C., W. Webb Steward, and J. Bonser Tyler. At the conclusion of the business the members adjourned to the banqueting room, where Bro. Hicks, ably assisted by Mrs. Hicks, had made admirable arrangements for the repast, the tables being prettily and tastefully decorated with flowers, &c. The menu was excellent, and the catering was of a high-class character, which, combined with the variety of inclusions and well-prepared viands, justly deserved the frequent expressions of praise and approval awarded by the brethren present. About forty-seven partook of the repast, including the W.M. and his Officers. Bros. J. McCubbin P.P.G.J.W., the Rev. F. W. Harratt P.P.G. Chaplain, J. Reeve P.P.G.S.B., R. Hales P.P.J.G.W., W. H. Robinson P.P.G.P., E. Revill P.G.P., C. Aveline P.P.G.D.C., R. King P.P.G.S.B., J. Elmes P.M., T. Taylor W.M. St. Peter and St. Paul's Lodge, Newport Pagnell, J. R. Wilmer P.M., &c. The toasts of The Queen and Craft, The Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, The Right Worshipful the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon; the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Sir Daniel Gooch Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, were duly honoured. The toast of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers Past and Present was coupled with the name of Bro. McCubbin. Bro. McCubbin, in acknowledging the toast, said as he had to speak so frequently upon it he did not perceive that he had anything new to say upon the subject. He would, however, thank them for drinking the health, and for associating his name with the same. They all knew how much the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, was respected, both in Berks and Bucks. But they were not so well acquainted with the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Archdeacon Purey-Cust, especially in regard to the working of the province, for he (the speaker) believed he recognised the office as a sinecure. The Archdeacon's ecclesiastical promotion had rendered the office again vacant, and he hoped the same would be filled by one of the best working Dep. Prov. Grand Masters of the country, their late D. Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, for he was sure that under his excellent management they would have a more fair distribution of honours on the Bucks side of the province. He was convinced that Sir Daniel Gooch always wished to do right, but he thought he had been wrongly advised. He earnestly hoped their old Dep. Prov. Grand Master would come back to them in that capacity, and when he said this he felt he was echoing the wishes of every brother Mason, and especially those who were pleased to wear the purple under Sir Daniel Gooch. Bro. Culverhouse said he had the privilege of proposing the toast of The health of the W.M., and he felt sure that it would be received by the members of the Scientific Lodge and the other brethren present with all the honours to which it was entitled. He had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Large for a considerable period, during

which time he had watched his progress in Masonry and had observed how enthusiastically he had worked in every degree, and therefore he felt sure if the same perseverance were manifested during his occupation of the chair, he would have a very successful year of office. He hoped the duties that would devolve upon Brother Large would be of a far more serious and onerous character than they were during the past year, because he was supported by able Officers who would assist him in those duties, and he was also surrounded by a large circle of brethren who would give him all the support they possibly could. Bro. Large, the W.M., suitably responded to the compliment. He said his ambition had been to occupy the chair, and now he had secured that position he would try to discharge the duty appertaining to it with satisfaction and with credit to the Craft, and hoped that at the close of his year of office, he might be able to show as good a financial position as his predecessor. The toast "The health of the I.P.M." was given by the W.M., who said he had a pleasing duty to perform, viz. to invest Bro. Culverhouse with the Past Master's jewel, and trusted he might be spared many years to wear it in the Scientific Lodge. Bro. Culverhouse thought he did not deserve the honour they had awarded to him that evening. He was sure no words of his could express the feelings that agitated his mind at that moment, and especially so when he remembered that during the past year he could not take to himself any credit for what had been done, because he had received the sympathy and co-operation of the members and the generous assistance of the P.M.'s in all the duties belonging to the office. When he accepted the position of W.M. he did it with a great deal of diffidence, because he considered the duties connected with it were very important. He thanked them heartily for the beautiful jewel which they had presented to him, and assured them it would act as an incentive to further efforts on his part in promoting the success and prosperity of the Scientific Lodge, and should any effort of his be able to win another jewel, he was certain it would not be received with a greater degree of pleasure than that which they had conferred upon him that evening. The toast of "The Past Masters" was coupled with the name of Bro. R. King (Secretary of Institute) who suitably responded. The Wardens was replied to by Bros. Eady and Longstaff. The toast The Charities was responded to by Bro. the Rev. F. W. Harnett, who said there was no doubt there could be no society more charitable than that to which they belonged. There was no doubt that anything that would gather men together so as to make their hearts unite in the bonds of brotherhood made them better men, and conducted very highly to the benefit of the country. He found that Freemasonry had a strong force in England and in civilized Europe, and therefore they found men of all ranks had associated themselves with Masonry. Kings and princes had connected themselves with it, and had evidently become acquainted with the secrets of their Order. He then went on to speak of the charity that should pervade the members, and said there could be no true brotherhood unless there was charity, and concluded by making a strong appeal on behalf of the Charitable Institutions. Bro. T. Taylor also replied to the toast. The toast The Visitors, The Officers of the Scientific, were given and heartily responded to.—*Croydon's Weekly Standard.*

#### HOLMESDALE LODGE, No. 874.

THE installation meeting of this prosperous Lodge (which numbers nearly one hundred brethren) was held in their magnificent Lodge Room at the Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells, on Wednesday, 17th inst., at three o'clock, the retiring W.M. Bro. H. D. M. Williams being the Installing Master. Amongst the brethren present were—W. Stephens P.M. of Ripon 1489 Prov. G.D.C., J. Court 1678, H. Mackay-Pelham P.M., F. H. Plummer 177, H. Martinucci 1594, J. H. Scott Royal Clarence 271 D.P.G.M. Sussex, A. Spencer Prov. G.S. Kent, C. Burmeister La Tolerance 538 P.M., Charles Duke Derwent 40 P.P.G.D. Sussex, Frederick Spencer Malling Abbey 1063 P.P.J.D. Kent, D. W. Davis Derwent 40, G. B. Brodie University 1117 W.M. P.G.S.W. Surrey, E. J. Biggs Henley 1472, G. D. Warner 1678, T. H. Crouch Worthing 851 P.P.G.J.D. Sussex, J. S. Charlton Tonbridge 1678, &c. Also Past Masters F. W. Elers, B. Marsack, W. Delves, J. W. Roper, J. Reed, B. S. Wilmot, W. B. Bacon, of the Holmesdale Lodge, and about forty brethren. The Lodge having opened in solemn form and the minutes confirmed, a dispensation was read from the Grand Master of England, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., authorising the W.M. to instal the W.M. elect, such sanction being necessary in consequence of the W.M. elect being already W.M. of Lodge 1303, Lewes. Bro. W. S. Elers P.G.A.S. P.M., having for eighteen years faithfully and zealously discharged the duty of Treasurer to the Lodge, the brethren at a previous meeting had decided to present him with a Treasurer's jewel as a slight recognition of his services, and of their fraternal regard. The W.M. in the absence of the Treasurer, handed the jewel to his brother, F. W. Elers P.G.J.W., asking him to convey to the Treasurer (who is now on the Continent) how much the brethren of the Lodge appreciated his very many excellent services as one of the founders of the Lodge and its Treasurer from its commencement, and he and they hoped that the great Architect of the Universe would enable him to continue his exertions in the cause of Freemasonry for many years to come. For the past six years Bro. J. F. Bates has discharged the duty of Secretary to the Lodge in such a manner as to call forth the admiration of the brethren, and anxious to reward at all times merit and ability, the W.M. Bro. H. D. M. Williams was deputed to present him with a Secretary's jewel and a purse of ten guineas. The W.M. in doing so expressed the pleasure it gave him, and further stated that from the excellent way in which he had discharged his duties in the past, he felt sure the success of the Lodge would be maintained in his hands. Bro. J. F. Bates, in reply, stated that he could not find words to sufficiently express his gratitude for the kindness which the brethren had conferred upon him, and assured them that nothing should prevent him doing the best he could to preserve the peace and harmony of the brethren. Bro. F. W. Elers P.G.J.W. senior P.M. then presented the

W.M. elect, and, in so doing, expressed the pleasure it gave him, Bro. Hodgkin having been initiated in the Lodge, and duly served the office of Warden, and also having been W.M. of the Tonbridge and Lewes Lodges, all which posts he had filled with merit and ability. The ceremony of Installation was then proceeded with in a most impressive manner, the charges and exhortations being given by the installing Master, Bro. H. D. M. Williams, in such a way as to call forth the admiration of the brethren. The following brethren were afterwards invested Officers for the year:—Bros. J. Burton S.W., J. E. Ranking J.W., L. S. Tagwell Chaplain, W. S. Elers Treasurer, J. F. Bates Secretary, E. Dunkley S.D., S. A. Cheale J.D., A. J. Boorman Organist, G. Farrer Sword Bearer, B. S. Wilmot P.M. P.G.R. Kent and C. Graham D.C.'s, G. Beckley P.M. and A. D. Beeching Stewards, W. C. Cripps jun. I.G., and G. Strange Tyler, for the 19th time. The addresses were delivered to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren by Bro. H. D. M. Williams. The W.M. then stated that it gave him great pleasure, as his first duty, to present to Bro. H. D. M. Williams, the retiring W.M. and Installing Master, a P.M.'s jewel. The Lodge was noted for the zeal of its Masters, but he felt sure that no Master had discharged his duties more zealously and impartially, or with greater skill and ability than he had. Bro. H. D. M. Williams P.M., in reply, stated that if, by his humble endeavours, he had merited and secured the good wishes of the brethren he was amply repaid for any services he may have rendered. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. H. D. M. Williams for his services as installing Master. The brethren then adjourned to the new Assembly Room of the Royal Kentish Hotel, where a choice menu awaited them; on the removal of the cloth the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. During the evening some very interesting speeches were made by the brethren, and the harmony of the meeting was much enhanced by songs, given by Bros. Lord George Nevill, Bates, Everett, and Boorman who were accompanied on the piano. Bro. B. S. Wilmot P.M. P.G.R. Kent, acted as Master of the Ceremony of Installation, and the manner in which it was performed, deserves the highest praise that can possibly be conferred upon him.

#### LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1343, GRAYS, ESSEX.

THOUGH a comparatively young Lodge, this Lodge of St. John, which holds its meetings in the quiet riverside town of Grays, is a very promising one. Its members are animated by the true fraternal spirit of Masonry, and they strive hard to fulfil their labours in a manner worthy of the good old Craft. Consequently, their gatherings are always of an instructive and genial character—informative because the style of work is admirable, and genial, because you have but to take your seat in Lodge and at the banquet, and you find yourself as completely at home as if you had been associated with the Lodge and its members during your whole lifetime. There is no Grand display at the banquet-table, but a deep sense of hospitality prevails always. Hence it is no wonder that the installation, which was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Grays, on Tuesday, was a complete success, and that the brethren who were privileged to attend as visitors found a hearty welcome. The chair was taken by Bro. James Godwin W.M. punctually at the hour fixed, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Lodge proceeded to ballot for Messrs. W. Noble Cuming and James Howell. The result in both cases proved favourable, and these gentlemen, being in attendance, were both initiated into the mysteries of the first degree, the Worshipful Master fulfilling his part with marked ability and earnestness. Bro. Herbert C. Borradaile, of the Lodge of Goodfellowship No. 276, of Chelmsford, was next balloted for as a joining member, and elected. Then came the important business of the day—namely, the induction of Bro. F. J. Ash as W.M. elect in the chair of K.S. The duty of Installing Officer was undertaken by Bro. A. Sturgeon, one of the Past Masters of the Lodge, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, the ceremony was most impressively rendered. The rest of the Lodge having resumed attendance, the Worshipful Master was saluted and congratulated, and the following brethren were then appointed and invested with the insignia of their respective offices, namely:—Bros. Gedge S.W., E. Sturgeon J.W. and Treasurer, D. Bartlett Secretary, W. H. Sackett S.D., F. Sackett J.D., Wingrove I.G., Cuming W.S., G. Martin Tyler. We must not omit to state that Bro. A. Sturgeon was as fervent in his delivery of the usual addresses as he had been when installing the W.M. The customary "hearty good wishes" having been expressed, Bro. Ash formally presented the Past Master's jewel which had been voted by the Lodge to his predecessor in the chair, Bro. James Godwin, and in doing so paid the latter some well-deserved compliments for the manner in which he had discharged his duties. The gift having been suitably acknowledged, and a vote of thanks having been passed with acclamation to Bro. A. Sturgeon as the Installing Officer, and also acknowledged, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a quiet but excellent banquet. On the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were given, that of the Prov. Grand Master and his Officers being eloquently responded to by Bro. Gard Pye P.M. 51. On Bro. Godwin I.P.M. devolved the duty of proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, and he expressed his belief that the Lodge could not do otherwise than prosper under the kindly and able auspices of the present occupant of the chair. The Worshipful Master, in his reply, expressed his intention of doing all that lay in his power to promote the interests of the Lodge, and, as he knew he should have the hearty assistance and co-operation of the Past Masters, Officers, and brethren, he felt that it would be his own fault if he did not succeed in giving them satisfaction. Among the other toasts were those of the Installing Master, the Initiates, the Visitors, and the Officers, the Tyler's toast appropriately bringing to a close the proceedings of one of the most pleasant gatherings at which it has been our good fortune to be present. The intervals between the toasts were enlivened by some excellent singing, to which the new member, Bro. Borradaile, in spite of a severe sore throat, contributed his share. The Visitors included

the following, namely:—Bros. W. W. Lockey 1000, D. Hodge 33, E. W. Walter S.W. 554, A. Grant 160, A. Lucking Prov. G.D. of C. Essex—who, by the way, gave the Lodge a taste of his quality by acting as D. of C. during the installation ceremony—H. J. Neato P.M. 77, G. Gard Pye P.M. 51, H. J. Everett 697, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, H. N. Taylor W.M. 1421, T. S. Taylor P.M. 554 and I.P.M. 1421. To several of these the rites of hospitality were further extended by some of the members of the Lodge, and it was not till the following morning that they took their departure for their several homes.

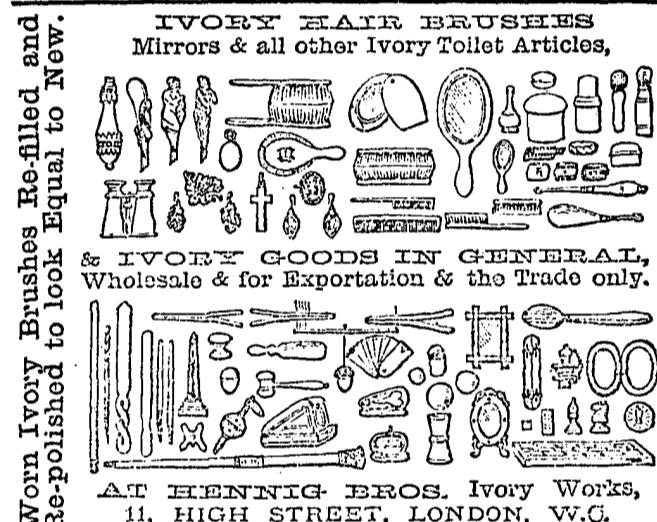
#### ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE DALHOUSIE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

THE annual supper in connection with the Lodge of Instruction, working under sanction of the Dalhousie Lodge No. 860, took place on Tuesday at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. The chair was occupied by Bro. Dickins the W.M. elect of the Mother Lodge, who was supported by Bro. Wallington, the Preceptor. Bro. J. Lorkin, Secretary, occupied the vice-chair, and the following among others were present:—Bros. Dallas, Smyth, C. Lorkin, Polak, Christian, Clark, Fraser, Quay, Allen, Finch, Brasted, Wardell, Harding, Fort, Cornu, Jones, Baker, Marsh, &c. The brethren having partaken of the supper, which was well served, the President, in brief terms, proposed The Queen and the Craft, the M.W. Grand Master, the Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., and other Grand Officers, all of which were in turn honoured by the company assembled. The next act of Bro. Dickins was to propose Prosperity to the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, and, in doing so, he paid a just tribute to the careful and efficient tuition rendered to those who attended its meetings. He felt the benefit of the instruction imparted at this and similar Lodges now that he was elected to the Presidency of his Lodge. He felt that he should be ably supported by the Officers whom he should appoint to assist his labours, as he believed they were all known as good workers. Lodges of Instruction had fitted them for their positions in their regular Lodge. He thought it was a good custom to invite, as he and previous W.M.'s elect had been invited, to the annual supper, as, by placing a brother in the chair, he had an opportunity of rehearsing the more onerous task of the immediate future. With the toast he had pleasure in coupling the name of Bro. Wallington. In reply, Bro. Wallington tendered his thanks for the toast just given, both in the name of the Lodge of Instruction and in his own behalf. He felt it a great pleasure to hear that the W.M. elect of their Mother Lodge expressed himself so satisfied with the Officers who were under him. He believed that the coming term there would be one of great success, each of those in office having been made thoroughly conversant with the duties of his position in one or other of the Lodges of Instruction in the metropolis. Bro. Wallington next proposed the Health of the President, thanking him for attending, and pointing out the pleasure it afforded the brethren in thus being officially recognised by the Mother Lodge. After the reply of Bro. Dickins, Bro. Wallington proposed the Health of the Secretary, and Bro. Lorkin, in acknowledging the compliment, after thanking the brethren, gave a brief account of the doings at the Lodge during his term of office. This completing the programme of the evening, the brethren shortly afterwards separated. Bro. Wallington will rehearse the Installation Ceremony in this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday next, the 30th inst., for which occasion we wish him a large attendance and a successful meeting.

#### CHESTER EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

FOR about 17 years this admirably conducted institution for the education and advancement in life of the children of distressed and deceased Freemasons has been steadily increasing in usefulness, thanks to the cordial support it has invariably received from the brethren in the province of Cheshire, over which the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley R.W.P.G.M. rules with so much acceptance. The noble charity enjoys his lordship's presidency, and amongst its most active supporters are those whose names are also illustrious in the annals of Freemasonry. A meeting of the committee of the charity was held at the Masonic Chambers, Birkenhead, on Friday 19th inst., when there was a most influential gathering. It should be stated that the rules of the institution run very much on the lines of those of the West Lancashire Charity, the most admirable provision being that those who have charge of the children are allowed to select any school which meets with approval, and that the educational fees are paid through the Institution, without coming to the knowledge of the children themselves or any one connected with the particular school. The chair on this occasion was occupied by Bro. W. A. Clayton W.M. 537, and amongst those present were Bros. F. K. Stevenson P.P.G.S.B. Hon. Sec., J. P. Platt P.P.G.J.W. Hon. Treas., E. H. Griffiths P.G. Sec., J. Salmon P.M. 425, &c. The Honorary Treasurer read the financial statement, from which it appeared that the income from investments during the year amounted to £151 10s 7d; received from Lodges, Chapters, &c., £201 2s 6d, the sum of £21 had been handed over as the result of the recent dramatic performances at the Theatre Royal, and £10 10s were contributed by the Grand Mark Lodge of Cheshire and North Wales. The sum of 102 10s 10d, had been spent in education, £17 2s 8d in the advancement of children, and £100 had been invested in dock bonds. The total investments now amounted to £3,730, being an increase of about £240 on the year. The report, which was of a highly satisfactory character, was also read by Bro. Stevenson. Both the report and statement of accounts were unanimously adopted, and it was afterwards agreed to recommend six children for the benefits of the institution to the annual court of governors. We hope in a future issue to refer at greater length to the work of this estimable institution.

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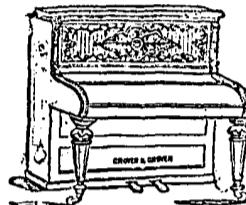
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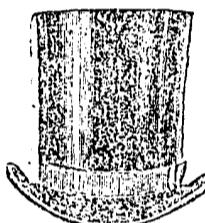
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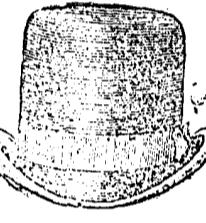
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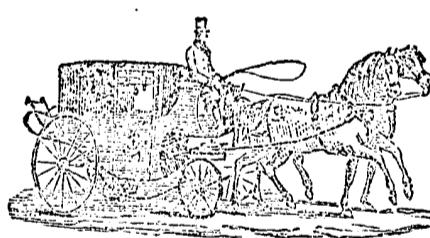
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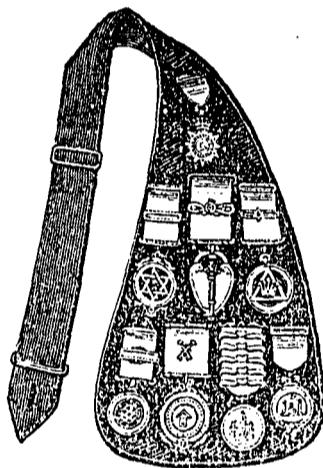
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