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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

TH**ERE** is a fair amount of business to be transacted on Wednesday next, when Grand Lodge will hold its regular Quarterly Communication. Then will be held the election of members of the Board of General Purposes, of the Colonial Board, and of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The report of the Lodge of Benevolence contains recommendations of grants amounting in the aggregate to no less than £1300, two of the grants recommended being for the very considerable sums of £250 and £200 respectively. One point in connection with these recommendations is worth noting. Many of our readers, perhaps, are not aware that, in the case of all amounts exceeding £50 the minute confirming the Lodge's recommendation must itself be confirmed ere the brother whom it is proposed to relieve can derive any appreciable benefit from the grant. For instance, a brother in sore distress applies to the Lodge of Benevolence for some help, let us say in the month of July, and £100 or £150 is voted him after due inquisition into the circumstances. This, however, is not a grant absolute, but only the recommendation of a grant which must be submitted to the meeting of Grand Lodge next ensuing, in order to receive confirmation. This is given, but not until the grant has been re-confirmed at the December Communication can this poor brother in distress receive the sum awarded to him. He is, we believe, allowed to draw a small sum on account, but that will go only a very little way towards assisting him in the interval of four or five months that must elapse between his application to the Lodge and the re-confirmation by Grand Lodge of the sum recommended to be granted to him. On the other hand, the sum of £50, though it must be confirmed by Grand Lodge, needs no further confirmation; so that, as far as immediate or early relief is concerned, those brethren to whom the Lodge of Benevolence grants, or recommends to Grand Lodge to grant, relief for smaller amounts fare better than those towards whom, after full consideration of their circumstances, they consider they are justified in acting more bountifully. This is certainly an anomalous state of things, which requires amendment. Why, in the case of the larger grants, should not the brother seeking relief be entitled to draw £40 or £50 on account to meet his immediate necessities? As well may happen, let us suppose the poor brother who has been granted £100 dies in the interval between the confirmation of the grant and the next regular meeting of Grand Lodge; has not this needless delay frustrated the kindly intentions both of the Lodge of Benevolence and Grand Lodge itself? It may even have been indirectly the means of hastening the very catastrophe which the grant was intended to prevent. Even if the Lodge of Benevolence were prodigal of the funds entrusted to its administration, so considerable a delay would be unnecessary; but, as it is well known the Lodge is careful to relieve only when it has fully satisfied itself of the necessity there is for relief, a second confirmation by Grand Lodge is certainly supererogatory.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes makes mention of a very unusual occurrence. A complaint appears to have reached the Board that a brother had violated the Constitutions by appearing in a Public Place or Assembly—one of Her Majesty's Levées—wearing Masonic jewels without having previously obtained the sanction of the Grand Master. On inquiry it turned out that the

brother had misinterpreted the Constitutions, and as he at once made due submission and expressed regret, the Board very wisely passed over the offence with only an admonition.

Then are mentioned two cases in which in certain Lodges brethren have been advanced to a higher degree after an insufficient interval of time as required by the Constitutions, and the Board directed the brethren to be re-obligated, and fined each of the offending Lodges in the sum of Two Guineas. This is as it should be, but we should like to see the Board direct its attention to the very lax observance of the law in respect of proper intervals of time in the case of candidates seeking initiation into Freemasonry. We have reason to believe that cases are frequently occurring of candidates being proposed, balloted for, and initiated in far less time than is prescribed by the Constitutions, and we all know how earnest Past Grand Secretary Hervey and other prominent brethren have been of late years in urging on Lodges the dangers likely to ensue to Freemasonry from too hasty and indiscriminate an admission of candidates. The same suggestion occurs to us in the case of joining members, whose candidature with even less reason, is but too frequently hurried forward. It is very difficult to assign, though we admit there may be in some rare instances, a cause for urgency in respect of proposed joining members. Though it is open to such brethren to be present at the meetings of the Lodge they wish to join in the capacity of Visitors, they are often proposed and balloted for with undue haste, it being within our personal knowledge that but for the firmness of one of the Officers—who by the way is a Grand Officer for the current year—of a certain Lodge, two brethren would have been balloted for without due proposition in open Lodge.

The last recommendation of the Board is to the effect that Grand Lodge "should authorise an expenditure not exceeding £25 per annum" for the purpose of preserving, "by binding where necessary," and improving "by addition" the Grand Lodge Library in their charge. We cannot congratulate the Board on this recommendation. With balances in bank and in hand amounting together to over £6,000, an appeal to Grand Lodge for authority to spend a sum not "exceeding £25 per annum," after the grave consideration they appear to have given this "important question," reminds us very much of the old adage about the mountain in labour bringing forth an idiotic little mouse. If it is worth while having a library, and that already existing is described as an excellent one, though we fear it is not much patronised by the Craft; if, we repeat, it is worth while having a library, it would seem to be most desirable that it should be one in every respect worthy of the mother Grand Lodge of Freemasonry of the whole world. But a maximum annual expenditure of £25—how far will that immense sum go towards "the due preservation by binding where necessary, and the improvement, by addition, of the excellent library belonging to Grand Lodge?" It will not suffice to purchase many of those rare books which constitute the strength and pride of a library, and it must be remembered that Masonic books, being printed as they are for a very small circle of readers, are published at prices out of all proportion to the cost of production. There have of late been, it is true, a few departures from this rule, but it stands to reason that books written for a class which includes but very few readers must be sold at higher figures than those for which there is sure to be something like a demand. Then, in the case of books which it is likely may be in fair request, there ought to be several copies, so that those who are anxious

to read may not visit the library time after time, and find the book they wish to consult is already engaged. Reports of the Proceedings of Foreign Grand Lodges should by themselves form an important branch of the Library, and there are many well-established foreign Masonic periodicals, to subscribe to which seems only an act of duty. Thus what with rare old books, the costly publications of the day, binding, when necessary, or purchasing Reports of foreign Grand Lodges, and subscribing to and binding periodical Masonic publications, the purchasing powers of £25 per annum will be very terribly taxed in order to show anything like a satisfactory result. One rare book may cost a third, the half, or even a greater proportion of the whole sum, and the remainder would be equal to the provision of but a very modest supply of literature and binding. We are aware that book-collecting by amateurs is a somewhat costly hobby, but even if the formation or extension of a library is entrusted to experienced hands, the purse strings must not be too tightly drawn. £100 per annum would not be an extravagant sum; but as to £25—we presume the grave and reverend Board of General Purposes have for once in their way been guilty of perpetrating a joke. They know a library is desirable, but they are also well aware that not one Mason in a hundred ever troubles himself to read a Masonic book, and though they are sensible the library as it is needs preservation and addition, they recommend the expenditure of a sum which will do as little as possible, and yet keep up something like a regard for appearances. £25 per annum for a Grand Lodge Library! Well, it has at least this merit—that it is better than no vote at all.

There are two motions to be submitted, of which one by Lieut.-Col. Creton, for the usual vote of £70 to provide coals for the inmates of the Benevolent Asylum at Croydon, is always passed *nem con.* The other will be brought forward by Bro. Jas. Stevens, who is anxious that effect should be given to the resolution of Grand Lodge as agreed to on 1st December 1869, and confirmed on 2nd March 1870. In other words, Bro. Stevens means to re-open the question on which he was so signally defeated some short time back. Now our opinions as to the desirability of a uniformity of observance in ritual, so far as essentials are concerned, are too well known for us to waste any time in again referring to them. But though we still abide as firmly as ever by our old views, we must remind Bro. Stevens that there is or ought to be among Masons such a quality as discretion, and that it is most indiscreet in him, after having been beaten in March, to come forward again and challenge his successful opponents to another battle royal in June. We trust he will have the good sense to drop his motion, and by so doing show that he accepts his beating in a manly, English, and Masonic fashion. Moreover, no great harm will come if the resolution of Grand Lodge, passed in 1869 and confirmed in 1870, which has lain dormant for ten years, remains for a year or two longer a dead letter. We have suffered nothing by having so long allowed it to be of none effect, and doubtless we shall survive the enormity of allowing it to remain so a little longer.

TYPE AND SYMBOL-MONGERS.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

“THAT fact [alluding to Jonah] expresses, prefigures, or typifies another fact of a higher and more important nature.”

So reasoned Dr. Waterland, and so reason most commentators on sacred books. And if Jack the Giant Killer and Old Mother Hubbard had been incorporated by compilers of sacred books into their collection, pious commentators would not only swear to the literal truth of those stories, but would also go into ecstasies about “the profundity, sublimity, deep, and exalting thought which lie hidden in those sacred narratives,” and thousands would probably have suffered martyrdom ere this for disbelieving either the truth of the stories, or the interpretations of said commentators.

Old writings usually abound in obsolete or forgotten words and phrases. Copiers may also have added to the confusion by alterations they made either through carelessness or wilfulness. These facts are generally admitted by critics of secular works, but not so by pious commentators of sacred books. These will never allow for the changes in modes of thought and expression which may have taken place, or of a possibility of any mistakes or alterations by copiers of sacred books, and so they go to work, and ascribe meanings to passages which the authors of the books never dreamt of, when a *pet soul-saving dogma has to be proved.* Then these commentators will swear that *up means down, and down means up; that past means future,*

and *future means past; that Gill means Jack, and Jack means Gill; and with the assistance of types, figures, and allegories, they manage to prove anything they please.*

Philo Judæus took it into his head that Plato stole his philosophy, including his notion of a *Trinity*, from the writings of Moses, and to prove which Philo claimed that Scripture had two meanings, viz., literal and figurative. And so, by fanciful types and allegories, he transmogrified Moses into some sort of a Trinitarian. This method of reasoning was adopted to a *limited extent* by Jews, but to an *unlimited extent* by Christians. Thus, Justin Martyr, in his controversy with a Jew named Trypho, among other nonsense, told him:—“He who is called the ‘Angel of the Counsel’ and ‘Man’ by Ezekiel; and like the ‘Son of Man’ by David; and ‘Christ’ and ‘Stone’ by many; and ‘Wisdom’ by Solomon; and ‘Joseph’ and ‘Judah’ and the ‘Star’ by Moses; and the ‘East’ by Zechariah; and the ‘Suffering One’ and ‘Jacob’ and ‘Israel’ by Isaiah; and a ‘Rod’ and a ‘Flower’ and a ‘Corner Stone’ and the ‘Sou of God,’ &c.—all which meant Christ.” He also says the marriage of Jacob was a type of Christ; Rachel is a type of the Church, and Noah is a figure of Christ, “who regenerated us by water, faith, and wood.”

Irenæus said that the boy who led Samson was a type of John the Baptist, and because Christ “bore the burden of our sins,” therefore he made “*Balaam’s ass a type of Christ.*” * But it is needless to multiply this kind of quotations, for the headings of the chapters of the Old Testament, in Catholic and Protestant Bibles, abound in such absurdities.

If, however, that kind of reasoning had been confined to churches, Sunday schools, and religious publications, it would not have been my business to find fault. But when these topics are introduced into Lodges, and into Masonic publications as Masonic teachings, then it becomes my duty to expose, to protest against, and even to rebuke, their *impertinent Jesuitism.* Thus, according to the teaching of Christianising luminaries, the three degrees, the three principal Lodge Officers, and other *threes* in the ritual signify the *Trinity.* The lion, lamb, pelican, fish, Aaron’s rod, a candlestick, and a pot of incense typify Christ. In short, they teach that the whole object and aim of Masonry, from the days of Grand Master Adam to the present time, is nothing else but to indicate salvation through Christ. And it is needless to prove that our so-called Masonic publications abound in that kind of stuff.

And now I will call attention to the inverted letter T on the English Master’s apron, about which no explanation is given in the authorised ritual and lectures, or *what are generally supposed to be authorised.* If any one had asked me what \perp mean, I might have suggested that it is a rude imitation of the Master’s gavel. Bro. Rosseter, however, whose head is filled with the mysteries of Babylonian and Egyptian Masonry, calls this \perp a “Tau,” and says that Nimrod had his head decorated with “Taus.”

The emblem of the R.A. Mason is \perp , which the learned call “Triple Tau.” Whether Nimrod’s head was adorned with single or triple Taus, Bro. Rosseter failed to enlighten us (see FREEMASON’S CHRONICLE, 9th August 1879). It is however my opinion that the *tripling* was invented in the last century for the R.A. degree manufactured for the *Ancients*; and the upper part thereof was turned upside down (for what reason no one knows), and placed upon the Master’s apron, probably not before 1813, and this mark is unknown to Craft Masons, at least outside of Great Britain and her dependencies. But what is the meaning of *Tau*? To ascertain this, I consulted the writings of the greatest expounder of Masonic conundrums, viz., Dr. Mackey (Lexicon and Cyclopædia), who says:—

“The *Tau cross*, or cross of St. Anthony, (so called because it is said to have been the cross on which that saint suffered martyrdom), is a cross in the form of a Greek T. . . . In the initiation in Hindostan the *Tau cross*, under the name of *Tiluk*, was marked upon the body of the candidate as a sign that he was set apart for sacred mysteries. The same mark was familiar to the ancient Hebrews, for, in the vision of Ezekiel it is thus alluded to, ‘go through the midst of the city, and set a mark (in the original, τ *Tau*) upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.’ This mark was to distinguish them as persons to be saved on account of their sorrow for sin, from those who, as idolators, were to be slain; and its form was that of a Hebrew letter *Tau*, which in the ancient Phœnician alphabet, and on the coins of the Maccabees, has the shape of a cross. . . . Finally, observe that the *Tau* is the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, as the *aleph* is the first, . . . and we see another consecration of this symbol in the expression ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end,’ which, spoken in the Hebrew language, would be, I am the Aleph and the Tau. . . . We are not therefore surprised that the *Tau cross* has been adopted as one of the symbols of Masonry.”

“According to the Talmudists” [what Talmudists?] “the symbol T was much older than the time of Ezekiel: for, say they,” [where?] “that when Moses anointed Aaron as high priest, he marked his forehead with this sign.”

In his Cyclopædia, after describing the *Triple Tau*, Dr. Mackey says:—

“This emblem, placed in the centre of a triangle and circle—both emblems of the Deity” [why?] “constitutes the jewel of the Royal Arch as practised in England, where it is so highly esteemed as to be

* I heard a very curious Arabian legend about Balaam’s ass, which I cannot refrain here from giving. “The ass,” says the legend, “was created at the close of the sixth day, or during the twilight preceding the first Sabbath. The same ass carried Abraham on his journey to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice; it carried Balaam on his mission to curse or bless Israel; it carried Jesus into Jerusalem; and, last, it carried Mahommed into the seventh heaven!” where, I suppose, it joined the celestial choir, and has been engaged ever since in singing hymns to the glory of the Prophet.

called the 'emblem of all emblems,' [why?] "and the grand emblem of Royal Arch Masonry. It was adopted in the same form as the Royal Arch badge by the General Grand Chapter of the United States in 1859. The original signification has been variously explained, some suppose it to include the initial of the Temple of Jerusalem, *Templum Hierosolymæ*. Others, that it is the symbol of the mystical union of the Father and Son, H signifying Jehovah, and T or the cross, the Son." Again—

"Speaking of the use of the cross in the Old Testament, Didron says, 'that it saved the youthful Isaac from death, redeemed from destruction an entire people whose houses were marked with that symbol, healed the envenomed bites of those who looked at the serpent raised in the form of a tau upon a pole, and called the soul of the dead body of the son of the poor widow who had given bread to the prophet.'"

We see, now, how easily our symbol-monger could Masonize and Christianize Abraham and Isaac, Moses and Aaron, Elijah and Ezekiel, and the Talmudists in the bargain; for, according to Dr. Mackey, one and all either worshipped or venerated the cross. But was Masonry designed for teaching such trash?

I have always avoided that species of pedantry of using foreign words in Masonic communications; but as I wish to make the subject clear to the understanding of all, I am therefore, in this instance, compelled to depart from my rule, but must premise—

First. St. Anthony was not crucified; the T cannot, therefore, be called "St. Anthony's cross" on that account.

Second. There is no evidence whatever that Jews ever worshipped the cross, or venerated the cross, or marked themselves with the cross, or that the Talmudists ever said that Moses did mark a cross.

Third. In the Book of Numbers xxi. 8, 9, there is no allusion to the cross, or *Tau* either, it merely says, "Make thee a fiery serpent and put it upon a pole." "And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole."* A pole is not a cross.

And fourth. In the Hebrew version of Ezekiel ix. 4, are the following words:—*והחיתו אתו* (*Vehitivto tav*), the literal translation whereof is, "And you shall mark a mark." The English Bible has it, "And set a mark." In Leeser's Bible it reads, "Inscribe a mark." There is some difference in the phraseology of the above translations, but all concur in the fact, that those words merely convey the idea of *making a mark*, without the least hint about the shape of the mark. As far as we know, the mark meant by the writer may have been a mere *daub*; for a daub would have answered the purpose of distinguishing those that were to be saved from those that were to be killed, as much as a more complicated mark could do. But Bible commentators who have dogmas to prove stick at no trifles; and as already shown, the early Christian fathers were very prolific in discovering far-fetched meanings in the writings of the Old Testament, hence the Douay, or Catholic Bible, renders the above passage in Ezekiel, "And make a Tau." But what is a Tau? This question the translator of the said Bible answers in a foot-note, thus—

"Tau is the last letter in the Hebrew alphabet, and signifies [not as a mere letter *tau*, but when written *tau* or *tau*], a sign or mark, which is the reason why some translators render this place—*set a mark or mark a mark*, without specifying what this mark was. But St. Jerome and other interpreters conclude it was the form of the letter Tau, which in ancient Hebrew character, was the form of a cross."

Mosheim says that one of the maxims of the early Christian fathers was:—

"That it was a virtue to deceive and lie, when by such means the interest of the church might be promoted." And he adds, "We would willingly except from this charge Ambrose and Hilary, Gregory Nazianzen, and Jerome; but truth, which is more respectable than those venerable fathers, obliges us to involve them in the general accusation."

As Jerome did not hesitate to deceive and lie for the interests of the Church, we need not wonder at his perverting and misconstruing the words of Ezekiel. Our Masonic symbol-mongers and expounders also believe in the doctrine of deceiving and lying for the benefit of the Church; and hence no matter what shape an emblem may be, and no matter how it is explained in the Lodge, they persist in declaring that "It expresses, prefigures, or typifies another fact of a higher and more important nature," viz., *Christianity*. And I verily believe that if the poker, tongs, and shovel, or any other household utensil, had been mentioned in the ritual, there would have been no end of significances suggested about them. They would have assured us that poker, tongs, and shovel, &c., were anciently regarded as symbols of Deity in the religion of Osiris, Moses, or Christ. And as for authorities, they would either have cited the writers of some dreamers, or when even that failed them, they would not have scrupled at inventing authorities.

This emblem *T* on the English Master's apron, is a fair illustration of the truth of the above remark. As already stated, the R.A. and its emblem, was unknown to Masons before or near the middle of the last century. Nay, more. D.G.M. Manningham condemned that new degree as an imposture, and Grand Secretary Spencer ridiculed the R.A. degree about 1768. In 1813, at the Union, the Grand Lodge of England was compelled to call the R.A. degree "Masonic." And I am strongly inclined to believe that this *upside down* top of the R.A. emblem was not introduced into Craft Masonry by the G.L. of England before 1813. Dr. Oliver, of course, made the "Triple Tau" into a Christian emblem. And Dr. Mackey, who was bound

* Leeser's Bible reads, "And Moses made a serpent of copper, and put it upon a pole" (omitting "brazen" and "fiery"). The Douay Bible says, "Made a brazen serpent, and set it up for a sign" (omitting brass and copper). And in a note thereto, we are informed that, "The brazen serpent was a figure of Christ crucified."

To my mind, this kind of *figuring* seems very ridiculous. But if Christians can be made to believe that the lion, the lamb, the pelican, the fish, the ass, &c., are types of Christ, why may not the serpent also typify Christ?

to tell us what Dr. Oliver did not, made, as we have seen, a great splurge about the upside down T (for *up* or *down* is all the same to him) and demonstrated after his fashion that *T* is not only a Christian cross, but also that the identical shaped cross was venerated by Abraham, Isaac, Moses, Aaron, Elijah and Ezekiel; but as he had no authority whatever, not even that of Didron, about Moses marking Aaron with the cross, he was not at all abashed, in appealing to Talmudic authority.

Such are the characteristics of our symbol-mongers, whose writings our clerical brethren and pious Masonic editors admire and applaud. And why?

Boston, U.S., 5th April 1880.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, London. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, occupied the chair, and, as will be seen from the number of votes recorded for the several candidates, was supported by a very large number of Life Governors. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the general business of the day was proceeded with. This comprised, among other matters, the approval of six petitions, the children on whose behalf they were presented being then placed on the list for the October election. The plans for affording additional office accommodation, as drawn up by the Grand Superintendent of Works, were submitted, and the offer of Grand Lodge in this respect was accepted, the rent asked and agreed too being £85 a-year. Certain recommendations from the House Committee on matters connected with the management of the Institution were brought up and confirmed. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for the various accounts which had been passed, and then a notice of motion was given by Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. to establish an annual prize, of the value of three guineas, to be given to one of the pupils in memory of the late Bro. John Boyd, and to be called the John Boyd Memorial Prize. This prize is proposed in consideration of a donation of one hundred guineas made to the funds of the Institution by the members of the Prudent Brethren Lodge and Chapter. The Committee then proceeded to the election of the House and Audit Committees, the following being the result:—

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

No. on poll	Name	No. of votes
1	Edmund C. Mather	284
2	Alfred Henry Tattershall	272
3	John A. Rucker	271
4	Griffiths Smith	269
5	Frank Richardson	268
6	Edward Letchworth	267
7	Henry A. Dubois	262
7	Joshua Nunn	262
9	Lieut.-Col. James Peters	261
10	Peter de Lande Long	258
11	William Hope, M.D.	253
12	Charles Hammerton	241
13	Edward Cox	96
14	Thomas Cubitt	94
15	John A. Farnfield	86
16	William Stephens	83
17	Reubea R. Davis	71
18	Edgar Bowyer	68
19	John H. Southwood	67
20	Edward Terry	65
21	John Bellerby	63
22	T. W. C. Bush	62
23	Charles G. Hill	60
24	C. H. Webb	42

The twelve brethren first named, all of whom, except Bro. Charles Hammerton, were members of the old committee, were declared elected.

AUDIT COMMITTEE.

No. on poll	Name	No. of votes
1	Henry C. Levander	309
2	Herbert Dicketts	296
3	John C. Chancellor	291
4	Robert B. Webster	292
5	William Roebuck	290
6	William Bailey	288
7	James Cutbush	283
8	Henry Venn	273
9	Thomas Kingston	257
10	Robert Berridge	96
11	Hyam M. Levy	61

The nine brethren highest on the poll were declared elected. These brethren comprised the Audit Committee last year. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

In the event of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution deciding to refill the office of Collector, we understand that Bro. William Worrell P.M. and Sec. 766, &c. and Bro. C. H. Webb P.M. 1607 W.M. 174, Vice President of the Institution, will offer themselves as candidates. We shall refer to the subject in a future issue.

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PARTY SPIRIT IN MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been somewhat amused of late at the self-laudatory tone adopted by your Masonic contemporary. I do not object to a display of honest pride. On the contrary I hold, in common with a good many other people, that it is both reasonable and justifiable, provided always it is not repeated too often, and is consistent with the circumstances of the moment as well as with the general tenour of one's conduct. The proposition that the Press as an institution is not as highly appreciated by Freemasons as it should be is not an unlikely one. Not a few worthy brethren have a dread of their meetings being too fully reported, or, in short, that a proper amount of discretion will not always be exercised by the editors and their staff of coadjutors. Though I do not hold this opinion myself, I can understand the feeling which prompts it, but I know of no justification whatever for the statement that "if the Press is subservient to a party and the echo of a clique, all is well; but if it desires to seek to be honest, impartial, and independent, what 'change comes o'er the spirit of our dream' immediately." It seems to me this is a most wanton attack on the members of our Craft. I do not think Masons in their conduct and appreciation of ordinary matters are very different from other folk, and I am very certain the rule, as between subserviency and independence in the Press, is—as among individuals—that while people use the former when it suits them, they always respect the latter. A partisan journal or one which knows and recognises no other opinions than those dictated to it by a clique has, undoubtedly, its uses; but no one ever thinks of accepting unreservedly its praise or dispraise, and if Freemasons are not more, they assuredly are not less, liberal than the world generally.

And as though the editor were conscious of the absurdity of this statement, he is at the pains of contradicting himself in the very next paragraph. "The *Freemason*," he goes on to say, "has outlived opposition, has laughed down childish criticism, and intends to pursue the 'even tenour of its way,' in its straightforward and manly career, neither impeded by hostility, annoyed by sarcasm, or intimidated by antagonism. It appeals simply on its own merits to a cosmopolitan Craft, and it believes that the zealous endeavour of its proprietor to establish and keep up a thoroughly readable, rational, and Masonic paper is alike appreciated at home and abroad." Now this, stripped of its verbiage, means, if I understand anything of English, that the *Freemason* has flourished more rather than less since its first appearance, and that in spite of the hostility which newspapers so commonly experience; because throughout its whole career it has been manly and straightforward in its conduct. Now, I see little or no difference of meaning between being "manly and straightforward," and being "honest, impartial, and independent," and all the difference in the world between either of these and partisanship and subserviency to a clique. It follows then that if on the one hand Masonic papers which are partisan prosper, and those which are independent become disliked, while on the other, the *Freemason* has outlived criticism by reason of its manly and straightforward conduct, either the journal in question is not as prosperous as we are asked to believe it is, or it has achieved its popularity at the expense of its independence. However, I must not pursue this matter; if the editor of your contemporary has got himself on the horns of a dilemma, it is his own fault. Moreover, I have no intention of gaining the proposition that the proprietor, with whose name we are all acquainted, has done his best to establish and keep up a readable Masonic journal. He deserves the greatest credit for all he has done not only in connection with Masonic journalism, but likewise on behalf of Masonic literature, and it is greatly to be regretted that the brother, to whom is entrusted the editorial conduct of the *Freemason*, cannot see his way to write without indulging in objectionable personalities, and attributing motives to others who have the misfortune to differ with him.

When I find a man takes every opportunity of telling the world how very good he is, and how unlike those who hold other opinions, I very naturally test his statements practically. I find, for instance, in the number from which I have already quoted, it is editorially laid down that in opposing the re-election of the present House Committee of the Girls' School, "it is very wrong to give the Life Governors so much trouble and annoyance to gratify personal pique, and thus to enforce the attendance, much to their inconvenience, of so many brethren." Now, I ask, what right has the editor of your contemporary to attribute the threatened opposition to the brethren seeking re-election on the House Committee to a desire "to gratify personal pique;" and in the next place, whether, supposing him to have such right, he is Masonically justified in publicly attributing the acts of any of his brother Masons to an unworthy motive? I turn to the circular he alludes to as being "a modest and manly circular," and there I find it stated in plain, but inoffensive language, that understanding the re-election of the old House Committee is going to be opposed, "for some reason not apparent," and having full confidence in the brethren thus seeking re-election, those whose signatures are appended to it, invite their brother Governors to vote for the old Committee. They wisely and necessarily abstain from saying anything about the motives of those who mean to vote for the new nominees. They do not charge them with being anxious "to gratify personal pique," or as being "influenced by a desire for a petty revenge for a previous defeat." They do not say their opposition is "a very Jesuitical pro-

ceeding in itself," and they have the good sense and good taste to refrain from telling their opponents they "had much better remain in their own proper insignificance." I should think that Bro. Case's nominees and the signatories to this straightforward circular must be ashamed at finding their cause advocated in this unmasonic fashion.

Passing over the appeal to Life Governors to attend on Thursday at Freemasons' Hall and vote,—as a matter of course, though it is not so suggested,—for the old House Committee; and the innuendoes contained in the two following paragraphs, to the effect that, on the one hand, more than one of the new nominees is not desirous of being elected, and on the other, that a brother who is presumed to have "other fish to fry," is taking a "very active part as regards the Girls' School election Committee," I turn to the correspondence columns in the same number, and there I find a letter written by one signing himself "B. F." But for the signature, and from the tone and style of the writer's remarks, I should have set this down as expressing the Editor's personal views, as the paragraphs I have quoted from express his editorial views. The writer speaks of the "party spirit and personal feeling," so rife amongst us, and "which threatens such evils to Freemasonry." For some time past there has been "a 'cabal' or 'clique,'" which if it succeeds in establishing its influence, will bring about all kinds of disastrous results. "Even if this 'clique,' or 'cabal,' or 'camarilla,' or 'caucus,' call it by what name you will," were distinguished "by every public and domestic virtue," it would still be a nuisance, for Englishmen dislike being "governed by a 'coterie' or dictated to by a 'cabal.'" This "clique," for months past has been exhibiting its wickedness "in resolutions, and counter resolutions, in circulars and mendacious calumnies, and numberless other measures and threats, which are positively a disgrace to our very Masonic profession." After more of the same kind of affectionate comments, "B. F." trusts that "by a determined and united effort we may be induced, Masons of all ranks and ages, to 'put a foot' upon this audacious effort to hand over Masonry in the metropolis to this 'out-come' of personality and malevolence, the intrigues of a petty clique, or the arrangements of an audacious 'caucus.'" This letter is inserted with the following note appended:—
["We insert this 'strong ment' for 'babes,' as we are not insensible to the threatened evils 'B. F.' speaks of.—Ed."]

I have hardly yet made up my mind whether the strength of this "meat for babes" lies in its substantives or adjectives. We have firstly, a "cabal" or "clique;" then a "clique" only, but with "its circulars and mendacious calumnies;" then a "clique," "cabal," "camarilla," "caucus" or "coterie;" in the next paragraph, a "new party," and in the last, a cross between a "petty clique" and an "audacious caucus;" and all these substantives, be it understood, are arrayed in all the glory of "inverted commas," with the exception, by the way, of the "petty clique," to which, with a due regard for the principles of justice, I take the liberty of assigning equal honour. "Disgrace to our profession," "animosities," "personality," "malevolence," are also among the other choice terms which "B. F." introduces; while among his most expressive adjectives are "mendacious," "debasement," and "audacious." It strikes me this is an illustration of a "storm in a teapot"—excuse my inverted commas, but example is contagious—which is very creditable to "B. F.'s" ingenuity. Thus, A to M, both inclusive, propose the re-election of the old Committee, and N to Z, also both inclusive, propose to elect a new Committee; but while the former are "anxious to avoid the debasing animosities of party spirit and personality," the latter are dubbed a clique, cabal, camarilla, caucus, coterie, and new party. I dare say the language of Billingsgate, if not very choice, is very entertaining—when spoken in Billingsgate by Billingsgate fishwives; but I respectfully submit that a letter containing charges of cliquism, mendacious calumny, debasing animosity, and malevolence, ought not to find a place in any Masonic journal, and least of all with a certificate of editorial approval appended at foot.

Following next in order after this unsavoury letter is one written by Bro. Southwood, who very naturally objects to being associated with "cliques" or "petty cabals;" has no knowledge of "the malevolent assertions of deliberate slander," to which allusion was made in a former number of the *Freemason*; and says he never has occupied the undignified position of a "cat's paw" and never will. The letter is manly and sensible, and the Editor has no option but to observe, "our remarks do not of course apply to him," though, before doing so, he suggests that "it is just possible that we of the *Freemason* may know a little more of what is going on 'behind the scenes' than he does." To judge from this one might almost imagine that Freemasonry is a very terrible Society, the members of which are always plotting and counter-plotting against each other in the most diabolical spirit—Guy Fawkes and his associates and the Nihilists being, by comparison, mere baby conspirators. Yet all these desperate brethren who have been lately indulging in a banquet of "malevolent assertions of deliberate slander" are anxious to do is to elect on the House Committee the nominees of their own choice over those of somebody else's. Here surely is another "storm in a tea pot," and in inverted commas, too.

I am very certain that every member of the House Committee for the year now ending has done everything in his power to promote the welfare of the Girls' School. But I am by no means willing to admit that they are the only men that can necessarily be found throughout the Craft who are able and willing to serve on the Committee and do their utmost for the Institution. Your contemporary allows that "it is the undoubted privilege of Life Governors to propose new members," and that it is good "at times to infuse a little new blood into all Committees Masonic or un-Masonic." Then, why, in the name of all that is reasonable, abuse people when they exercise an "undoubted privilege" and charge them with being guilty of "audacious calumnies," "debasement animosities," "personality and malevolence," &c., &c. If—mind I do not assert there are, but only, if—there are those who think the purchase of Lyncombe House was a needless act of extravagance,—it is proved to have been a great irregularity; that a Treasurer should not take

upon himself Secretarial functions, or a Secretary Tresorial functions; that a newly-appointed official, who is young, modest, and of retiring disposition, though at first he needs the kindly assistance and sympathy of his elders, should in time be allowed—nay, encouraged—to assert himself, nor always be held in leading strings; that there can be too much of a good thing, even when that good thing is the dictation of one mind in the management of a large institution; and, in short, that a little change—"the infusion of a little new blood"—is at all times good for us; then I have yet to learn that to endeavour to give effect to such opinions is "the 'outcome' of personality and malevolence, the intrigues of a petty clique, or the arrangement of an audacious 'caucus';" that it is done "to gratify personal pique;" that it is "a very Jesuitical proceeding in itself;" and that those who do so are "influenced by a desire for petty revenge for a previous defeat." I charge no one with being actuated by improper motives, whether he nominates an old Committee or a New Committee, and I have a right to expect that others shall allow I am animated by the same spirit of justice and impartiality as I concede to them. If "party spirit and personal feeling" are disturbing elements in the Freemasonry of the present generation of Craftsmen, they will be intensified, not removed, by such writing as I have been commencing upon, whether that writing takes the form of editorial animadversions of a personal character, or of "strong meat for babes" which has received editorial sanction and approval.

I derive at times so much interesting information from the columns of your contemporary, that I regret to have been obliged to write in the manner I have done. But this style of editorial comment passes my poor understanding. And as I condemn it for its personality, so do I feel sorrow for its feebleness and inconsistency. In order that "babes" may swallow and digest the "strong food" provided for them, it must be seasoned with the proper quantum of sense and consistency. If the editor of the journal in question will only disabuse his mind of the idea that every one who differs with him is unprincipled, and that Freemasons are not such bad fellows as he seems to think they are, I am sure he will feel much happier, and the *Freemason* will be better appreciated.

Fraternally yours,
X.

London, 24th May 1880.

WHITSUNTIDE AMUSEMENTS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I read with much pleasure your account in last week's issue of the festivities in which the holiday folk indulged this Whitsuntide, and as it may interest your readers to contrast the amusements of this more prosaic age with those which were in vogue in the good old times, I will, with your permission, and for the especial benefit of those who delight in the study of popular manners and habits, mention one or two customs formerly peculiar to the season just past. Thus, the *Reading Mercury* for the 24th May 1819 contained the following curious advertisement:—

"Peppard Revel will be held on Whit Monday, 31st May 1819, and for the encouragement of young and old gamesters there will be a good hat to be played for at cudgels; for the first seven couple that play, the men that breaks the most heads to have the prize; and one shilling and sixpence will be given to each man that breaks a head, and one shilling to the man that has his head broke."

I offer no opinion as to the sufficiency of the sum [eighteen pence] awarded for breaking a man's head. Some of those people's heads may have been so thick as to have taken a good deal of breaking. But one shilling would seem to have been but a poor *solatium* for having one's head broken. Perhaps, however, as eels are said to like being skinned because they are used to it, so these *Peppard Revellers*, for a similar reason, may have enjoyed having their heads broken,—at all events, as the next best thing to breaking other people's.

Probably most of your readers have seen accounts in the daily papers of the Passion Play, acted at Ober-Ammergau, on Whit Monday. Well, among the old local customs which prevailed centuries ago in this country I may mention one peculiar to Chester, where on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Whitsun week, were enacted Plays or "Shewes" in a series of four or five and twenty parts, so many being apportioned to each day, and each guild having a part allotted to it. Thus to the Tanners was assigned the representation of "The Fall of Lucifer," the Drapers were charged with "The Creation," the Water-carriers very appropriately gave a rendering of "The Flood," and so on. Accounts are still preserved of the expenses incurred in acting these plays, and in them occur not a few quaint items, such as the following:—

"Item, payd for mendyng hell mought" (mouth), "2d."

"Item, payd for keypyng of fyer at hell mothe" (mouth) "4d."

"Item, paid for setting the world of fyer, 5d."

It must be remembered that a penny in those days was of greater value than a shilling is now, but even, at that rate, the charge of 2d for the repair of "hell mought" must be regarded as trifling, while only 5d for setting the "world of fyer" must be set down as dirt cheap.

One more old custom and I have done. Strutt, in his work on "The Sports and Pastimes of the People of England," mentions a custom that prevailed at Kidlington in Oxfordshire, where, on the Monday after Whitsun week, a fat lamb was provided, and the maidens of the town, having their thumbs tied behind them, were permitted to run after it, and she who with her mouth took hold of the lamb was declared the Lady of the Lamb, which being killed and cleaned, but with the skin hanging upon it, was carried on a long pole before the lady and her companions, attended with music, and a morisco dance of men, and another of women. The rest of the day was spent in mirth and merry glee. The next day the lamb, partly baked, partly boiled, and partly roasted, was served up for the lady's feast,

where she sat "majestically at the upper end of the table, and her companions with her," the music playing during the repast, which being finished, the solemnity came to an end.

Trusting you will find a place in your valuable columns for these memorials of ye olden time,

Believe me, fraternally yours,

"ANTIQUUS."

A PLEA FOR THE CANDIDATES TO THE R.M.B.I.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to thank Bro. Francis for his courtesy in informing me that he "could give satisfactory evidence why the brother who died in Petersfield Workhouse was not elected an annuitant of the above Institution."

I am well acquainted with that brother's history. My argument is this—If our deceased brother was worthy to be accepted as a candidate, he must have been a fit and proper person to be elected to the Institution, or, failing that, why did he not receive a gratuity (by instalments) from the Benevolent Fund, to keep him off the parish?

I wish Brother Francis to understand that, in referring to this case, I had not the slightest intention of casting any reflection upon the Petersfield Lodge, but merely wished to give an instance of the hardships endured by the unsuccessful candidates.

Yours fraternally,

THOS. AYLING.

25th May 1880.

SUPREME COUNCIL A. & A. S. RITE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honour to inform you that the following changes have taken place in the Supreme Council 33°.

1. The Most Puissant Sov. Gr. Commander has been created an Earl of the United Kingdom by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, under the title of Earl of Lathom.

2. Ill. Bro. Lt.-Colonel Shadwell Henry Clerke having resigned his office as Grand Secretary-General, in consequence of his being appointed Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of England, Ill. Bro. Hugh David Sandeman has been appointed in his stead.

3. Ill. Bro. The Hon. James Gibbs, C.S.I., has been created a Supernumerary Member, residing in the East Indies.

The Supreme Council is now constituted as follows:—

Grand Patron.

ILL. BRO. H.R.H. ALBERT EDWARD PRINCE OF WALES, K.G. 33°.

Honorary Members of Supreme Council.

H.R.H. ARTHUR DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, K.G. 33°.

H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD, K.G. 33°.

Supreme Council.

Ill. Bro. Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, M.P.S.G. Commander.

Ill. Bro. Captain Nathaniel George Philips, Past M.P.S.G. Cr. and M. Ill. Lt. G. Commander.

Ill. Bro. Major-General Henry Clerk, Grand Treasurer-General.

Ill. Bro. John Montagu Pulteney Montagu, Grand Chancellor.

Ill. Bro. Hugh David Sandeman, Grand Secretary-General.

Ill. Bro. Sir Michael Costa, Grand Captain of Guards.

Ill. Bro. Colonel Alexander William Adair, Sov. Grand Inspector-General.

Ill. Bro. Lt.-Colonel Shadwell Henry Clerke, Sov. Grand Inspector-General.

Ill. Bro. General John Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Sov. Grand Inspector-General.

Ill. Bro. The Hon. Dr. Robert Hamilton, Supernumerary member, residing in the West Indies.

Ill. Bro. The Hon. James Gibbs, C.S.I., Supernumerary member, residing in the East Indies.

Official Letters should be addressed to the Grand Secretary-General, No. 33 Golden Square, W., at which address all information concerning the Ancient and Accepted Rite can be obtained.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

HUGH D. SANDEMAN, 33°,

Grand Secretary General, H.E.

33 Golden Square, London, W.

14th May 1880.

TRURO CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Mount Edgecombe, Devonport.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is proposed that all Masonic subscriptions for the Truro Cathedral should be kept separate from others and applied to some special portion of the building.

A collection was made after the ceremony on Thursday last, but I have reason to believe that many brethren present had no opportunity of contributing. I therefore trouble you with this letter, to say that any contributions which brethren may like to send, either to myself at No. 23 Belgrave Square, London, or to E. T. Carlyon, Esq.,

Truro, will be placed to the Masonic Fund, and that due information will be given to all contributors before the special object to which it is proposed to apply the money is decided upon.

Its nature must necessarily depend in some measure upon the amount collected.

Yours obediently,

MOUNT EDGUMBE,

P.G.M. Cornwall.

VISITING SECRETARIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The establishment of a second Masonic Girls' School, whose Secretary should visit Lodges, &c., might prove a success. I have no doubt it would be supported. Grand Mark Lodge has proved successful, and so has its Benevolent Fund.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A P.M.

THE MARQUIS OF RIPON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Can you or any of your subscribers inform a brother Mason what the general opinions and sentiments of the Craft are relative to the appointment of the Marquis of Ripon (Past Grand Master) as Governor-General of India.

Yours truly and fraternally,

NE VARIETUR.

6th May 1880.

[We think a matter like this, which can only be described as a political question, is outside the scope of Freemasonry. Doubtless most Masons have an opinion on the subject, which as men they are at liberty to entertain, but as Freemasons they are, or should be, independent.—ED. F.C.]

MARK MASONRY.

THE GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND, &c.

THE Mark Grand Lodge will hold its Summer Communication on Tuesday next, and, in anticipation of this event, the General Board's Report and that of the Grand Treasurer have been published, both of them being most satisfactory, and showing the great advance in prosperity which this branch of Masonry has recently made. According to the Report of the General Board, no less than 606 certificates of advancement have been issued in the half-year ended 31st March last, so that the number of those at present registered as M.M. Masons is 13,514. During the same period warrants for the following new Lodges have been issued, namely:—

No.	No.
40 "Shakespeare," Warwick.	254 "St. Louis," Goletta, Tunis.
44 "Florence Nightingale," Woolwich.	255 "Robinson," Maidstone.
250 "Darlington," Darlington.	256 "Five Arches," Tenby.
251 "Tenterden," Buckhurst Hill.	257 "Jersey," Maidenhead.
252 "Natalia," Pietermaritzburg, Natal.	258 "Sutlej," Ferozepore, Punjab.
253 "Spes Bona," Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope.	259 "Snowdonia," Portmadoc.
	260 "Comet," Emerald, Queensland.
	261 "Zealandia Marine," Port Chalmers, N.Z.

There have likewise been issued 144 certificates of elevation to the degree of Royal Ark Mariner, while warrants for two new Lodges,—the "Natalia," attached to the "Natalia" Mark Lodge, No. 252, and the "Charles V." attached to the "St. Louis" Mark Lodge, No. 254—have likewise been issued. The Province of South Wales has been temporarily placed under the charge of Grand Registrar.

It is further announced that a scholarship of the annual value of Fifteen Guineas has been placed at the disposal of the General Board for educational purposes by Bro. Dr. Passawer W.M. Mallet and Chisel Lodge, No. 5, and Head Master of the Notting-Hill School; that the Annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund is fixed to take place at the Crystal Palace on 7th July under the presidency of Bro. Col. Burdett Prov. G.M.M.M. of Middlesex and Surrey; and that, as the Earl of Lathom M.W. G.M.M.M. will preside at the Annual Festival of the Boys' School on Thursday, 1st July next, it is recommended that a sum of Twenty Guineas be granted to the funds of that Institution. The Board's accounts are most satisfactory.

The Grand Treasurer's accounts for the half year could not well be more favourable. The General Fund, including balance brought forward, shows receipts amounting to £968 14s 2d, and disbursements, including purchase of £200 Cape of Good 4½ per Cent. Debentures, to the extent of £619 14s 11d, leaving a balance at bankers' of £348 19s 3d. The Benevolent Fund, balance and receipts together, gives £257 14s 2d, and disbursements £145 19s 6d, leaving balance in hand of £111 15s 1d. The Education Fund, on Debtor side, shows a balance and receipts amounting together to £171 3s 2d, and as the disbursements are represented by the small sum of four guineas, there is a balance to the good of £169 19s 2d. The Invested Funds include, in respect of the General Fund £1,500; of the Benevolent Fund £1,200; and of the Educational Fund £300, the interest on which amounts in the aggregate to £145 per annum.

From this brief résumé of particulars our readers will see that the

Grand Mark Lodge has of late been making most rapid and substantial progress. Financially its condition is most satisfactory, while as regards its numerical strength the advance speaks for itself. This is not to be wondered at, perhaps, when we bear in mind the names of those distinguished brethren who, since the establishment of the Grand Lodge in 1856, have presided over its destinies, and the energy of Bro. Binckes and others of its Grand Officers. Nevertheless, even the most enthusiastic and hopeful Mark Mason cannot but feel gratified at the well nigh unparalleled success achieved by their degree in so brief a space of time.

Kingston Lodge, No. 222, at Tunis, North Africa.—

A meeting of this Lodge was held on the 12th May, at the Masonic Hall, Tunis. Present:—W. Bros. G. Pentecost (P.G.J.W.) W.M., Dr. Perini S.W., Professor Souiller J.W., Professor Clement M.O., Chevalier Edward Rosenbusch (P.G.Reg.) S.O., A. Bokobsa J.O., Rev. E. B. Frankel Chaplain, J. Barsotti Treas., C. Carriglio as Sec. and R.M., S. Sessing S.D., J. B. Cassar J.D., Commander Bridger, R.N., Orgaust, I. Boccara I.G., and J. Eymon Tyler. Bros. Delsol, Hannen, Chaigne, Cassuto, &c., Bro. T. F. Reade (33 Turkey), British Consul General at Tunis. The Lodge being duly opened, W. Bro. C. J. T. Hambro of Milton Abbey, Dorsetshire, P.M. Lodge 1266, at Blandford, and D.P.G.M. for Dorsetshire, was unanimously approved of as a candidate for advancement. On an alarm being given R.W. Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., (P.G.M.M.M. for Dorsetshire), and A. M. Broadley (P.G.M.M.M. for Tunis and Malta), entered the Lodge, and were received with grand honours. The P.G.M. assumed the gavel, and advanced Bro. Baron Hambro to the honourable degree of a Mark Master. Bro. Broadley expressed the keen pleasure felt by the Lodge in general, and by himself, as a Dorsetshire Mason in particular, in receiving R.W. Bro. Guest as a visitor, and his Deputy Bro. Hambro as a candidate. He then gave Bro. Guest a short account of the rise of speculative Mark Masonry in Tunis, and of the various circumstances which gave an additional interest to the degree as worked on the site of the great architectural efforts of their operative predecessors—the Phœnicians. On Bro. Broadley concluding his remarks, the R.W. P.G.M.M.M., of Dorsetshire, expressed his surprise and pleasure at what he had witnessed, and the satisfaction he felt at knowing how great a share a Mason of his own Province, their P.G.M., had had in the extraordinary success of Mark Masonry in their midst. He should certainly return to England much enlightened as regards Mark Masonry, and fully determined to profit both by the example he had seen of efficient working and the explanations he had heard of the archaeological associations connected with the degree. He would certainly do his best to support the degree in England, and he should much like that the P.G.M. of Tunis and Malta should give an address on the antiquity of the degree in Mark Grand Lodge. He also warmly thanked the brethren for the reception he had received at their hands, and especially for conferring the degree on his Deputy Bro. Hambro. The P.G.M. acknowledged the kindly commendation of Bro. Guest, who was, at the proposition of the S.W. Dr. Perini, elected an honorary member of the Lodge. The charitable collection being made the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

London Lodge of St. Lawrence—

A meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday last, at 2 Red Lion Square. Bro. C. F. Matier D.G.M. presided as W. Master, the Senior and Junior Warden's chairs being filled by Bros. D. M. Dewar (G. Sec.), and P. C. Dibdin respectively, and there were present besides, Bros. Alfred Williams Conductor, J. E. Anderson as I.G., Thos J. Pulley, George Gravely, C. H. Driver, Thomas Keene, George Lambert, H. C. Lambert, Walter Spencer P.M., and R. P. Spice. After the usual preliminaries the degree was conferred on the following brethren, viz., W. W. Morgan, Henry Hacker, Thomas Benham, Frederick Walters, Thomas W. Adams, Thomas Meggy, and E. B. Florence. After the lecture explaining the mysteries of the degree had been given by Bro. Matier, in his most able and impressive style, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where the customary grill was most excellently served, and a pleasant evening, enlivened by toasts and agreeable chit-chat, was passed.

The public celebration of the sixty-first anniversary of Her Majesty's birthday will be held this day (Saturday), amid the customary demonstrations of hearty loyalty. The Prince and Princess of Wales, H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief, and other illustrious personages will be present at the time-honoured ceremony of trooping the colours on the Horse Guards' Parade. The principal ministers will give the usual banquets in honour of the auspicious event. Parades will be held at Woolwich and other garrison towns, at the Headquarters in Finsbury of the Honourable Artillery Company, and elsewhere; while in the evening there will be a brilliant display of illuminations at the West End, but especially in Pall Mall, Bond Street, St. James's Street, Piccadilly, Regent Street, and the other principal thoroughfares in that part of the metropolis. No doubt if the weather turns out as brilliant as it has been thus far in the present week, the parks and streets will be thronged with crowds of sight-seers, all eager to enjoy themselves. Let us hope—though we fear the hope is a vain one—that the rough element will be as little demonstrative as possible, and avoid molesting ladies and gentlemen who are only desirous of moving about in peace.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 25th inst., when there were present numerous brethren and visitors. This Lodge is appropriately named, for only those gentlemen or brethren who are connected with gas engineering are eligible to be received into it as initiates or joining members. Thus it is a class Lodge, and though it may seem at first sight contrary to the spirit of Freemasonry to restrict the range of choice to only a single section of the community, we are pleased to note that, in its brief career, the Evening Star has gone on most prosperously, and it is more than probable that there are few Lodges in which the relations of the members towards each other are distinguished by such marked cordiality, or where it is no mere stereotyped expression to say whenever the Lodge meets, that complete harmony prevails throughout the proceedings. The mere fact of all the brethren belonging to it following, or being interested in, the same profession is tolerably certain to cause this happy consummation. At all events, our experience of the "Evening Star" is in keeping with what we have just said, and was fully exemplified by the doings of Tuesday, when at the time appointed Bro. Duff-Filer P.M. occupied the chair of K.S., in the temporary absence of Bro. John Aird P.G.S. W.M., who, however, came later on. There were also present, Bros. William Sugg S.W., T. A. Greene J.W., Magnus Ohren G.A.D.C. Secretary as S.D., David Sngg J.D., G. C. Trowby Steward as I.G., David Sngg P.M. as D.C., and Visitors, Bros. C. M. Ohren I.G. 452, T. Vincent 1076, H. E. Frances P.M. 452, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, G. Buckland P.M., W. Tanner 1627, E. Roberts Organist 1623. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. W. King was raised to the degree of M.M., and subsequently Bro. Hubert T. Bailey was passed to F.C., the acting Master fulfilling his duties most fluently and impressively. The next business was the election of W.M. and Treasurer, and the appointment of Tyler for the ensuing year. In the selection of a member to fill the chair of the Lodge, the choice of the brethren fell on Bro. William Sugg, who, on the fact being announced, rose and returned thanks to all for the honour they had conferred upon him, promising at the same time to use his best endeavours to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors in office, and promote the comfort and well-being of the members. Brother James Glaisher was re-elected Treasurer, but, as he was unfortunately absent in Cornwall, Bro. Magnus Ohren undertook to convey to him the pleasing announcement of the honour conferred upon him. Bro. Speight was re-appointed Tyler. A discussion then ensued on the Bye-laws, and especially on the law respecting the proposition of candidates for initiation or as joining members, in the course of which Bro. Ohren drew attention to the Constitutions on the subject, and interpreted the Bye-laws in accordance with the one and only sense the Constitutions could be made to bear. Brother Aird, who had arrived in the meantime, and taken his place as W.M., then rose and proposed a resolution, offering the congratulations of the Lodge to Bro. Ohren on his appointment to the rank of a Grand Officer, and also moved that the proposal be entered on the minutes. This was seconded by Bro. Sugg, at whose suggestion a Committee was appointed with the view of taking steps to ascertain in what manner the Lodge could more substantially endorse their opinion of the graceful act of the Grand Master in appointing Bro. Ohren to be G.A.D. of C. It is needless to say that the motion was carried. As regards the purpose of the Committee it was hinted—and we consider the hint a good one—there could not be a better way of bearing testimony to Bro. Ohren's general merits, and his especial services to the Evening Star Lodge, than by presenting him with a complete set of Grand Lodge clothing. Bro. Duff-Filer having given notice of motion with a view to presenting a Past Master's jewel to the retiring Master in recognition of his able services during the past year, and other matters having been despatched, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. Justice having been done to an excellent *menu*, the cloth was removed and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, Bro. Magnus Ohren replying, among others, to that of the Pro and Deputy G. Masters and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present. Bro. Aird gracefully acknowledged the toast of his health, while Bro. Sugg's election as W.M. for next year was noted and acknowledged by that brother in returning thanks for the toast of the Officers. Bro. H. E. Frances responded for the Visitors. The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the excellent singing of Bros. E. Roberts, G. Buckland, and Miss Clara Perry. Bro. J. Stedman had charge of the musical arrangements of the evening, and sang his favourite song, "Mary of Argyle," excellently well. Bro. Roberts so highly distinguished himself by his rendering of the song, "Big Ben," as to elicit not only the warm approval of all present, but also a vote of thanks, cordially moved by the W.M., and as cordially accepted by the brethren. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

William Kingston Lodge, No. 1835, Goletta, Tunis.—The annual meeting for the election of W.M. took place on the 14th May. Present:—Bros. Barker W.M., Carletto S.W., Engerer Sec. as J.W., Broadley P.M. Treas., Attard S.D., Perkins J.D., Castelli D. of C., Vaux I.G. Pagano Tyler; several brethren of the Lodge, and Visitors—Commander Bridger 1717 and B. C. Hannen 319. Bro. Rosenbusch D.D.G.M. was announced and received with grand honours. The ballot for W.M. resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. A. M. Broadley P.M. and P.Z. 1717 and P.D.D.G.M. of Malta. Bros. Durazzano and Pagano were elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively. Bro. Gaetano Testa was raised to the third degree. Bro. Rosenbusch then gave an interesting address on the principles of English Masonry, and exhorted the brethren to persevere in their endeavours to main-

tain the prestige of the Lodge they had founded, and furnished with so much taste. He felt sure their destinies were safe in the hands of his friends and predecessor Bro. Broadley. The Lodge was then closed.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 25th May. Bros. Myers P.M. 820 and 1445 W.M., Webb P.M. 1607 S.W., Brasted J.W. 1524 J.W., Wallington P.M. 860 I.P.M., J. Lorkin Sec., Smyth Treas. The Lodge was opened in duo form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first. The Fifteen Sections were then worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture: Bros. Dallas, Smyth, Clark, Christian, Forss, Webb, McDonald. Second Lecture: Bros. Polak, Fieldwick, Webb, C. Lorkin, McDonald. Third Lecture: Bros. Brasted, J. Lorkin, Wallington. The following brethren were also present:—Bros. Ware, Hardrodt, Blackburn, Carr, &c. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Polak was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in duo form and adjourned.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—At Bro. Clayton's, the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, E., on the 21st inst. Bro. H. Forss occupied the chair, assisted by Bros. Waterer S.W., Loane J.W., Levy S.D., Judd J.D., Richardson I.G., B. Cundick P.M. Preceptor, W. Musto P.M. Hon. Sec.; also P.M.'s Barnes and Webb, and Bros. Gamble, McDonald, Kloor, Stephens, and Clayton. Lodge having been opened in duo form, the ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, Bro. Gamble candidate. Lodge was closed to first degree, and Bro. McDonald worked the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. H. Kloor, No. 49, Ancient Dundee, was admitted a member, and Bro. Waterer was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—The special meeting, for working sections only, was held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, the 25th inst. Lodge opened at 7.30 precisely, under the presidency of P.M. Musto, who was supported by P.M. Cundick, an invaluable attendant on these occasions; Bro. Smith as S.W., Loane as J.W., and Bros. Worsley, Judd, Watson, Power, Keable, Watkins, Ives, Sadler, White, Dixon, and others. Bro. Myers was unavoidably absent, having to fulfil a similar task at the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction. The sections were very ably and correctly worked, as follows:—First Lecture—Bros. Loane, Power, Smith, Worsley, P.M. Cundick, sections 5 and 6 being omitted. In the Second Lecture—Bros. Watkins and Smith worked the first and second sections respectively, and as the time did not allow of more being accomplished, the Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Bro. Smith was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. P.M. Musto said he could not allow the brethren to disperse without thanking them for their attendance. Although the Preceptor of the Lodge, he must say it was one of the best meetings as regarded attendance they had had. He hoped to be long among them as their Preceptor, for though they had now reached the summer months, when other Lodges could scarcely secure a sufficient number of brethren, the Friars Lodge of Instruction seemed to prove as attractive as during the busier portion of the year.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction.—Meeting held at Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 20th May. Present—Bros. A. Jones W.M., G. Coop S.W., E. C. Porter J.W., J. Wells S.D., G. Wright J.D., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, Mitchell I.G., H. Kasner, E. T. Brown, H. Stephens, F. Millsom, J. J. Clarke. After preliminaries the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. E. T. Brown candidate. The charge was delivered in a very able manner. The ceremony of passing was next rehearsed, Bro. Millsom candidate. Bro. G. Coop was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting.

The ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed in the St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, at Bro. Kent's, the Moorgate Station Restaurant, opposite the Metropolitan Railway Station, on Thursday Evening, 10th June, at 8 o'clock p.m., punctually, by Bro. Alfred Withers, I.P.M. of the mother Lodge. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

It is with sincere regret we mention that, after a brief illness which only lasted four days, Bro. Giuseppe Mazzoni, Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Italy, expired at Prato, on the 11th instant. His funeral, which was attended by representatives of the various Masonic bodies, took place on the 14th instant. Bro. Mazzoni had taken a leading part in politics, having been one of the triumvirate of Tuscany, in the stirring times of 1849. He had represented Prato in four Parliaments, and was made a Senator in 1876. He had been re-elected Grand Master of Italian Freemasons no less than four times.

We mentioned last week that Her Majesty had graciously signified her intention of raising Bros. Right Hon. R. Lowe, and E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen to the Peerage. The *C Gazette* announces that these gentlemen will take their seats in the Upper House of Parliament by the style and title of Baron Sherbrooke of Sherbrooke in the county of Surrey, and Brabourne of Brabourne in the county of Kent respectively.

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M.W. GRAND MASTER.

THE RIGHT HON. EARL OF DONOUGHMORE,
R.W. DEP. GRAND MASTER.

INSTALLATION OF M.W. GRAND MASTER.

THE SUMMER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION OF THIS Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Tuesday, the 1st day of June next, when and where all Grand Officers (Past and Present), W. Masters, Past Masters, and Overseers of private Lodges are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present.

Grand Lodge will be opened at five o'clock p.m.

By Command of the M.W. Grand Master.

FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G.J.W., Grand Secretary.

N.B.—A Banquet will be provided at seven o'clock, at which the Grand Master will preside. The Tickets will be 15s each, inclusive of wine, if taken before the day of meeting; and 17s 6d if taken on that day; and it is requested that every Brother intending to dine will forward his name to the Grand Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary, not later than Saturday, the 29th of May. Grand Lodge Office:—2 Red Lion Square, Holborn, W.C.

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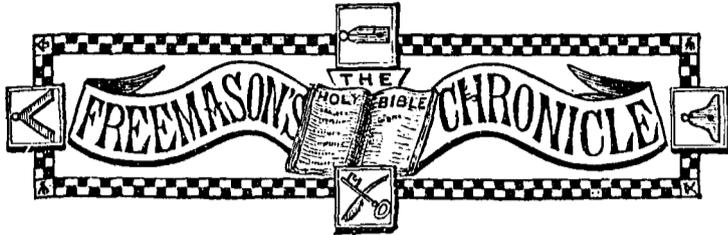
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**QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF
GRAND LODGE.**

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 2nd June 1880:—

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd March for confirmation.
2. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 28th April for confirmation.
3. The Minutes of the Especial Grand Lodge at Truro on the 20th May for confirmation.
4. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.
5. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.
6. Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."
7. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz:—

The Orphan children of a Brother of the Lodge of Light in Adjoondhia, No. 836, Fyzabad, Bengal, East Indies	£50 0 0
A Brother of the St. Albans Lodge, No. 29, London	250 0 0
A Brother of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, London	200 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, London	50 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Castle Lodge of Harmony, No. 26, London	50 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 905, London	75 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304, Leeds	100 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Mount Edgcombe Lodge, No. 1446, London	150 0 0
A Brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 309, Fareham	75 0 0
A Brother of the Lodge of Hope, No. 302, Bradford, Yorkshire	100 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28, London	50 0 0
A Brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 298, Rochdale... ..	100 0 0
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8. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report:—

(1.) In connection with the proposed erection of new offices for the use of the Charities there appears to be a contiguous plot of Freehold ground in New Yard, the possession of which by Grand Lodge is highly important in connection with questions of light and air.

The Board are strongly advised that this plot of ground should be purchased, and they have been enabled to arrange that Grand Lodge by its trustees can purchase the fee simple, free from incumbrances, for the sum of £1,050, and they have at the same time satisfied themselves that a tenant at a thoroughly remunerative rent can be obtained so long as is desirable.

They accordingly recommend that such purchase be sanctioned by Grand Lodge.

(2.) Having received formal complaint that a brother had violated the Constitutions by appearing in a public place or assembly (namely, one of her Majesty's Loves), wearing Masonic jewels without the authority of the Grand Master, the Board proceeded to deal with the matter, and caused the brother in question to be summoned to appear before them. It appearing that the error arose from a misconstruction of the Constitutions, and due submission having been made and regret expressed, it was not thought requisite to proceed further than admonition in the matter.

(3.) Lodge No. 401 (Slaidburn) having passed two Brethren after an insufficient interval (viz., 25 days) from their initiation, the Board have ordered that the Brethren be re-obligated in the second degree, and subsequently in the third degree at the proper interval, and have inflicted a fine of two guineas on the Lodge.

Lodge No. 910 (Pontefract) having passed a Brother after an insufficient interval from his initiation (viz., 16 days), the Board have ordered that the Brother be re-obligated in the second degree, and have inflicted a fine of two guineas on the Lodge.

(4.) The Board further report that they have had under consideration the important question of the due preservation, by binding where necessary, and the improvement, by addition, of the excellent Library belonging to Grand Lodge, in their charge, and they are unanimously of opinion that it is desirable that Grand Lodge should authorise an expenditure not exceeding £25 per annum for the above purposes.

The President will move in accordance with the foregoing recommendations.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
15th May 1880.

At a Meeting of the Board, held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., after the ordinary business had been disposed of, it was unanimously resolved, that

"The Board desire to express their appreciation of the uniform kindness and courtesy of their President, Sir John B. Monckton, and embrace this opportunity of congratulating him on the honour recently conferred upon him by Her Majesty the Queen."

(Signed) HENRY C. LEVANDER,
Vice President.

To the Report is subjoined a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of May inst., shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £5,835 14s 4d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £96 15s, and £22 14s 5d, in the hands of the Solicitor of the Society.

9. APPEALS.

(1.) Appeal by the W. Master, Officers, and other Members of the Joppa Lodge, No. 864, Cape Town, against the decision of the District Grand Master of South Africa, Western Division, for declining to entertain a complaint against certain Brethren of the Lodge for conspiring to black ball Candidates.

(2.) Also appeal by Brother Thomas Gardner, the Secretary of the said Lodge, No. 864, complaining of certain expressions used, respecting him, by the District Grand Secretary, in an Official Communication addressed to him by direction of the District Grand Master.

N.B.—The papers relating to these Appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's Office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the Brethren during office hours.

10. PROPOSED MOTIONS.

1. By Brother Lieut.-Colonel John Creaton Grand Treasurer:—

"That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," to supply the Residents of the Institution at Croydon with Coals during the winter season.

2. By Brother James Stevens P.M. No. 720:—

"That inasmuch as all laws made by this Grand Lodge should be strictly observed and respected, this Grand Lodge is of opinion that the resolution of Grand Lodge to appoint a Committee of Past Masters for enquiry into the merits of the respective systems of working, &c., adopted on the 1st December 1869, and confirmed on the 2nd March 1870, and which thereby and in accordance with the Constitutions of the Fraternity, regulating the government of Grand Lodge (Section 8, page 28), became a law, should be carried into effect."

LIST OF BROTHERS NOMINATED FOR THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

Masters:—Bros. Charles Atkins 1260, Edward Cutler 197, Frederick H. McCalmont 394, Herbert Monckton 503, Richard Notley 1150, George Pitt-Lewis 444, Charles William Thompson 969, Francis Charteris Wemyss 1615. Past Masters:—Bros. Albert J. Altman 1657, William Coppard Beaumont 26, Henry Bishop 66, Henry A. Dubois 1777, Henry E. Frances 857, Edward B. Grabham 19, Frank Green 1567, Henry Harben 92, Charles Frederick Hogard 205, John Matthew Kleuck 1680, Henry C. Levander 632, Alfred Meadows, M.D., 4, Macrae Moir 66, William Henry Perryman 3, Samuel Poynter 902, James Stevens 1216, John G. Stevens 554, Alfred Henry Tattershall 110.

LIST OF BROTHERS NOMINATED FOR THE COLONIAL BOARD.

Bros. Frederick Adlard 7, Brackstone Baker 21, James Brett 177, Ralph Gooding 1, Edward Letchworth 1579, James Henry Matthews 143, Samuel Poynter 902, Griffiths Smith 569.

LIST OF BRETHREN NOMINATED FOR THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

Bros. Charles Atkins W.M. 1260, James Brett P.M. 177, William Clarke P.M. 114, Charles A. Cottebrans 733, Charles F. Hogard P.M. 205, William F. C. Montrie P.M. 11, George Penn P.M. 1642, Alfred H. Tattershall P.M. 140, Henry George Warren P.M. G.S.L., James Willing jun. P.M. 1507.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the W.M. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

1856.—St. George's Lodge, Temuka, Canterbury, New Zealand.
1857.—South Rakaia Lodge, South Rakaia, Canterbury, New Zealand.
1858.—St John's Lodge, Ashburton, Canterbury, New Zealand.
1859.—Prudentia Lodge, Negapatam, Madras.
1860.—Phoenix Lodge, Simon's Town, Cape of Good Hope.
1861.—Claremont Lodge, Esher, Surrey.

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PROV. G. CHAPTER N. & E. YORKSHIRE.

THE Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of North and East Yorkshire was held on Thursday, at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, on the invitation of the Zetland Chapter, No. 236 York, when there was a large assembly of the Companions of the Order. M.E. Comp. J. P. Bell, Grand Superintendent of the Province, presided, Comp. Scherling P.Z. Minerva Chapter acting as H., and Comp. Todd P.Z. Zetland Chapter J. The following Companions were also present:—Comps. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Z. Zetland 236 D.C., Sir James Meek P.Z. and H. Zetland 236, R. Watson Dundas 543 P.Z., M. C. Peck P.Z. Minerva 250 P.G. Scribe E., J. March Zetland 236 P.P.G.S.W., R. W. Hollon P.Z. 236 Prov. G. Treas., T. B. Whythead Z. Eboracum 1611 P.P.G. Reg., G. Balmford Zetland 236 H., T. Clough King Edward 660 P.P.G.D.C., R. Boggett Humber 57 P.P.G.S.B., W. Tesseyman Humber 57 P.G.S.B., R. Huntley Minerva 250 H., T. Sissons Kingston 1010 P.P.G.S.B., R. H. Peacock Old Globe 200 P.P.G.S.B., J. Stevenson Britannia 312 P.P.G.H., J. Thompson Minerva 250 Prov. G.S., J. S. Cumberland Eboracum 1611 H. P.G.S.B., H. O. Piercy Londesborough 734 P.Z. P.G.S.B., O. G. Bond King Edward 660 Z., C. H. Priestly King Edward 660 P.P.G.P.S., W. H. Rose King Edward 660 P.P.G.H., A. W. Walker King Edward 660 P.S., J. Murray Denison 1248 P.P.G.S.N., George Hardy Minerva 250 P.Z. P.P.G.S.N., J. T. Emes Minerva 250 P.Z. P.P.G.S.B., J. A. Farmer Marwood 602 P.Z. and P.G.H., R. Davison Marwood 602 P.P.G.H., C. T. Ganderton Humber 57 Prov. G.A.S., Thomas S. Camidge Zetland 236 P.P.G.O., W. Cowper, Newby, King Edward 660 Prov. G. Steward, W. H. Marwood 602 Prov. G. Steward, H. Preston Humber 57 P.P.G.A.S., and the following Companions attached to the Chapters which precede their names:—Humber Chapter, Hull: Comps. Thompson Z., Wilson J., Storry P.P.G.O., Oates Ansel P.Z. P.P.G. Reg., Needler P.Z., Kemp P.Z., Wing Pexton A.S., Lowe Beavers S.N. Minerva: Comp. Vigne. Old Globe, Scarborough: Comp. Middleton J. Zetland 236, York: Comps. Hodgson, Hollins E., Garbutt, Rooke D.C., Buckle P.S., Palliser, Houlden Barstow, Hanson, A. S. Ayres, Simpson, Rymer, Waistell, Kirby and Wilkinson. Chapter 226 Irish Constitution: Comp. J. Hanly. Philanthropic, Leeds: Comp. Brown. Britannia, Whitby: Comp. Ayre. Royal Victoria, Bermuda: Comps. E. J. de Salis, Marwood. Middlesbrough Comp. Cowper. Marquis of Ripon, Ripon: Comps. Rev. W. C. Lukis J., Paley P.Z. Londesborough, Bridlington: Comps. Severs, Watson Z., Jarratt, Brigham J. King Edward. New Malton: Comps. Staniland P.Z., Golder A.S., Nicholls S.E., Waudby. Dundas (Stokesley): Comps. Watson P.Z., Coulson E. Eboracum (York): Comps. Kay E., Simpson Treasurer, Turner A.S., Husband, Humphries, Rev. J. Blake. Kingston (Hull): Comps. Forden, Lambert. The Companions having taken their appointed seats, the members of the Provincial Grand Chapter entered, and the proceedings were opened by the reading and confirming of the minutes of the preceding Grand Chapter, held at Hull in 1879. The balance-sheet, which was considered very satisfactory, was then read by the Prov. Grand Treasurer Comp. R. W. Hollon, and was unanimously adopted. Other business, mainly of a routine character, followed, and the Grand Superintendent then read an interesting paper on the subject of "Royal Arch Freemasonry." It was announced that the next Provincial Grand Chapter would be held at the Denison Chapter, Scarborough, in 1881, on the invitation of that Chapter. The Grand Superintendent took the opportunity of thanking the Zetland Chapter for the very complete arrangements they had made, which were highly appreciated by the Companions present. He next announced the following as the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Comp. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett H., H. O. Piercy J., M. C. Peck Scribe E., Martin Kemp Scribe N., A. Buckle P.S., C. G. Bond A. Soj., W. H. Cowper A. Soj., R. W. Hollon Treasurer, T. C. Davison Registrar, R. Huntley S.B., J. Coulson Standard Bearer, T. Marshall D.C., J. Hagyard Organist, J. Ward and D. Lambert Janitors. The proceedings then terminated, and the Companions adjourned to Harker's Hotel, where an excellent collation was served by Bro. Matthews. The M.E. Grand Superintendent of the North and East Ridings presided, and in proposing the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Excellent Grand Principal of England, referred to the fact that he was that day laying the foundation-stones of a Cathedral at

Truro, in the presence of a large assembly of Freemasons, and he hoped that it was the inauguration of a new era in Masonry in the acknowledgment that it was the privilege of Grand Masters to lay the foundation-stones of such edifices as that to which he had referred. Truro Cathedral, he said, might be expected to vie architecturally with their Cathedral at York. It was much after the same style—the twelfth or thirteenth century—and the money which had been collected for the construction simply of the shell was something like £90,000. A number of other toasts were drunk, and the evening was spent in harmony.

PRIORY CHAPTER, No. 1000.

THIS Chapter held its annual meeting on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Terminus Hotel, Southend-on-Sea. Comps. Rev. H. J. Hatch was installed Z., W. Pissey H., and E. Judd J., the ceremony being very ably performed by E. Comp. Jas. Terry P.Z. 228, Prov. G.D.C. Herts, to whom a cordial vote was given by the Comps. for his kindness. The following Officers for the ensuing year were also invested, viz.:—Comps. J. A. Wardell P.Z. Scribe E., G. F. Jones Scribe N., Rev. A. F. Heaton Prin. Soj., F. Wood 1st Assist. and J. Girling 2nd Assist. Soj., A. Lucking P.Z. Treas., and A. Martin Janitor. Amongst others there were also present—Comps. E. E. Phillips P.Z., W. Belcham and H. Beecher. A candidate for exaltation was proposed, the Chapter was duly closed, and the Comps. adjourned to banquet. The usual loyal and R.A. toasts were given and heartily responded to, Comp. Terry, in an eloquent speech, returned thanks for the Masonic Charities. The Janitor's toast closed the proceedings.

GLOBE.—No suitable novelty of the light opera type being at hand to take the place of the "The Navel Cadets," somewhat suddenly withdrawn, Mr. Henderson imagined, perhaps wisely, that the public might be ready to re-awaken their memories of "Les Cloches de Corneville." The piece has already obtained the second longest run on record, and was only removed from the boards as recently as Easter last. Nothing has been spared to render the revival a success; new scenery and new costumes combining to increase the attraction, with the result that the house was well filled on Saturday, the night of its reproduction. The performers who contributed most to the popularity of the piece during its recent representation are again in their places. Miss Violet Cameron as the charming Germaine, Miss Emma Chambers as Serpolette, Mr. Shiel Barry as the old miser, and Mr. Harry Paulton as the stupid Baileu, could not well be improved upon in their respective characters.

We lately had the pleasure of paying a visit to the Royal Polytechnic, and were very pleased to see the vast improvements which have been made there. This well known Institution is now under new management, and we wish the directors every success. The building has been repainted and redecorated throughout; statues, &c., have been introduced at each end of the Hall, while the entrances and recesses are decorated with choice plants. The Institution is opened three times a day, instead of twice as formerly (from 10 till 1, 2 till 5, and from 6 till 10). The programme submitted is both varied and entertaining. The dissolving views, "London as it was and is," explained by Mr. Daniel, are plain and distinct, making one feel quite at home in the various scenes represented. "The Magician Foiled, a new Fairy and Ghost Story," a class of entertainment for which the Polytechnic is famed, is next brought before the visitors. In it Miss Alice Burnelle explains the story, and indeed does all the talking for the actors, the members of this Institution not being allowed to transform their entertainments into stage plays. Blondin and Leotard, two life-sized figures, do some very wonderful tricks; Blondin walks across the Hall on a rope, and also wheels a barrow across, a very difficult feat for an automaton. Leotard goes through a series of gymnastic tricks in a life-like manner. These two figures were invented and constructed for the Institution by Mr. Seraphicus Pichler. At one end of the Hall an illuminated fountain has been erected, which throws water of apparently different colours into the Diving Tank. The Cosmorama Views are very good, and well worth seeing.

On Monday, the 31st inst., at Myddelton Hall, Upper-street, Islington, Bro. E. Roberts, Organist of West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, will give his annual Grand Evening Concert. The following artistes will give their services on the occasion, namely, Miss Elene Webster, Miss Clara Perry (by the kind permission of M. Carl Rosa), Mdme. Osborne Williams, and Miss Ellen Marchant. Messrs. Stedman, Gerrard Coventry, John Child, George Eustace, James Sauvage and F. Clive. Madame Coventry of the Promenade Concerts, Covent Garden, and Herr Josef Trousello will preside at the pianoforte, and Mr. H. S. Webster will take upon himself the duties of conductor. The Concert will commence at 8 p.m. Tickets, price 3s, 2s, and 1s each, to be had of the music sellers and Bro. Roberts, 15 Upper Barnsbury-street. We trust Bro. Roberts will have a well-filled house.

On Thursday, the 3rd proximo, at the Angell Town Institution, Gresham Road, Brixton, Miss Annie Matthews will give her first Annual Concert, when the following artistes have undertaken to give their services, namely:—Madame Worrell, Miss Matilda Roby, Miss Marian Burton, Miss Emma Buer, and Messrs. Arthur J. Thompson, E. E. Dear, James Budd, J. Nettleship, and C. Pompe. Solo Flute, Mr. C. Spencer West; Solo Pianoforte, Herr Carl Weber; while Mr. James Turle Lee will act as Conductor. The Concert will commence at Eight p.m., and carriages must be ordered for Ten p.m. Admission, 3s, 2s, 1s. We trust the fair artist will be well supported.

Well fermented Old Wines and Matured Spirits. J. E. STAND & Co., Wine Merchants, (Experts and Valuers,) 2 Albert Mansions, Victoria Street, S.W. Price Lists on application.

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.

SATURDAY, 29th MAY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1462—Wharnclyffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 31st MAY.

- House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
63—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
149—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)

TUESDAY, 1st JUNE.

- INSTALLATION FESTIVAL GRAND LODGE M.M.M., Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 7
Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7 (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., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8 (Instruction).
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
168—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction).
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lynde.
1473—Booth, 146 Berry-street, Booth, at 6. (Instruction).
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 206—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
M. M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
M. M. 161—Waltton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 2nd JUNE.

- Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
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. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
863—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Courts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction).
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
33—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.

- 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull. (Instruction.)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.

THURSDAY, 3rd JUNE.

- 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, Lambeth, 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.)
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.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nug'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. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dal-ton, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)
21—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lynde
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1192—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction.)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsam, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Built, Breconshire
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R. A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R. A. 691—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill
M.M. 63—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 4th JUNE.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
834—Kancolagh, 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
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, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
41—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
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.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
908—Welsh Pool, Railway Station, Welsh Pool
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Room, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
1528—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, 5th JUNE.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Daumark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1223—Anherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1459—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, on Monday, the 31st May, at the New Market Hotel, King-street, Snow Hill, West Smithfield, by the members of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860. Bros. C. Lorkin S.D. 1524 W.M., W. Wallington P.M. 860 S.W., J. Lorkin S.D. 192 S.W. 1679 J.W., Pennefather P.M. S.W. 1623 I.P.M. First Lecture:—Bros. F. Carr, C. Smith, T. Clark, M. Christian, Forss, Webb, and Barnes. Second Lecture:—Bros. Wardell, Fieldwick, Job, Lardner, and Moss. Third Lecture:—Bros. F. Brasted, J. Looker, and Wallington.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE, No. 1679.

THE Installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, 22nd May, at Bro. Crighton's, Prince George Hotel, Parkholme-road, Dalston. Bros. Henry Muggeridge P.M. presided, in the absence of Bro. E. Storr the W.M., and was supported by Bros. J. Lorkin S.W., and H. John J.W., as well as by a large number of brethren and the following Visitors:—Bros. J. Weeden P.M. 715, H. Berdege P.M. 715, Greenwood P.M., W. Fieldwick W.M. 1364, A. McMillan W.M. 1365, C. Lorkin 1524, and several others. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. J. Lorkin the W.M. elect was presented, to receive from Bro. Henry Muggeridge P.M. the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. J. Lorkin was duly installed as W.M. of the Lodge, and appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. E. Storr I.P.M., H. John S.W., H. Wilkin J.W., J. B. Scriven P.M. Treasurer, Henry Leah P.M. Secretary, W. Darnell S.D., Sack J.D., Dyer I.G., Brown D.C., Marsh Tyler. Bro. H. Muggeridge then delivered the customary addresses, at the conclusion of which the new W.M. presented Bro. E. Storr with a Past Master's jewel, the gift of the brethren, in recognition of his services as W.M. during the past year, for which he briefly but appropriately expressed his thanks. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., where a very excellent banquet was served by Bro. Wood the worthy host, the Master being supported by his Past Masters and Visitors. At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were all duly responded to, the toast of the Queen being followed by the National Anthem. Bros. Ross, Brown, C. Lorkin, Edmonds, and F. J. Croger as vocalists. Bro. E. Storr I.P.M. rose and said that the brethren were no doubt aware for what purpose he had obtained possession of the gavel, namely, to propose the health of Bro. James Lorkin the W.M. He knew what the W.M. could do, and he felt sure that he would perform his duties to their entire satisfaction; it was therefore with great pleasure that he proposed his health. The toast was enthusiastically received and followed by a song from Bro. Edmonds, "Mrs. Brown's Tea Party." The W.M. briefly returned thanks for the very kind manner in which his health had been drunk. He would endeavour to deserve the honour that had been conferred upon him. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. E. Storr, which was cordially drunk. After a song by Bro. Ross Brown, Bro. E. Storr thanked the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the very hearty manner they had responded to it. If he had done anything to merit their satisfaction he felt highly complimented. The jewel which they had presented to him that evening he was very proud of, and the recollection of it would ever live in his memory, as it would remind him of the time when the brethren elected him W.M. of their Lodge, their kindness that night proved to him that they appreciated what he had tried to do. In conclusion he thanked the brethren most heartily for the very kind manner in which they had drunk his health, and he hoped to be spared for many years to be amongst them. Bro. Croger here gave his diverting recitation, "Villainy defeated." The W.M. proposed the health of Past Master Bro. Henry Muggeridge (the Installing Master), who was a Founder, and also the first Master of the Lodge bearing his name, which was responded to very cordially by the brethren. Bro. Henry Muggeridge P.M. returned thanks, and informed the brethren that he was a P.M. of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, in which he was proud to say the W.M. was initiated; he could even say that he was the father of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, having been initiated forty years ago. As a P.M. of this Lodge he had endeavoured to do his duty, and he would continue to do so as long as he was spared to be amongst them. The toast of the Visitors was coupled with the names of Bros. Berdege, Weeden, and Greenwood, who congratulated Bro. J. Lorkin on having attained the high position of W.M., and felt assured from the diligence he had shown he would discharge his duties to their entire satisfaction. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated, after spending a very enjoyable evening. Members present—Bros. Arnold, Haynes, Stampher, Catlin, Hartrodt, Groves, Edmonds, Brown, Clark, Croger, Street, Sandland, Penney, Tuckwood, &c.

LODGE OF ANCIENT CARTHAGE, No. 1717, E.C., AT TUNIS.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 15th May 1880. Present—W. Bros. Dr. Perini W.M., and Broadley P.M. and Secretary, Souiller S.W., Pentecost J.W., Barsotti Treas., Bokobsa D.C., Le Gallais S.D., Audry as J.D., Sessing as A.D.C., Chaigne, Silvera, and Memmi Stewards, Commander Bridger, R.N., Org., C. Carriglio I.G., and Eymon Tyler, with a very numerous attendance of members and visitors. Amidst the latter were Wor. Bros. Sulema 30 and Mugnaini 32 (P.M.'s of Italian Lodges), Rev. E. B. Frankel P.D.G. Chaplain Malta, &c. On an alarm being given, the following distinguished brethren were received with grand honours, viz.:—R.W. Bro. Montague Guest M.P. Prov. G.M. for Dorsetshire, Chas. Hambro D.P.G.M. for Dorsetshire, and Edward Rosenbusch D.D.G.M. of Malta and Tunis. Bro. Guest having declined the gavel proffered him, Bro. Rosenbusch accepted it, and the minutes of two past meetings were confirmed. At the request of Bro. Rosenbusch, Bro. Broadley P.D.G.M. assumed charge of the Lodge; and passed Bro. Chevalier to the second degree. The work being resumed in the E.A. degree, a letter was read from the Italian Lodge in Tunis, announcing the death of the G.M. of Italy Senator G. Mazzoni. It was afterwards resolved to write our Italian brethren a letter of condolence, and place the Lodge in mourning till the summer vacation.

The P.D.D.G.M. alluded at some length to the pleasure experienced by the Lodge at the presence of the three distinguished visitors at his side, and presented Bros. Guest and Hambro with bound and inscribed copies of the Italian edition of the Bye-Laws and Book of Constitutions published by the Lodge. On the proposition of W.M. Dr. Perini, seconded by the S.W., these brethren were unanimously elected honorary members, and presented with the Lodge diploma as such. Bro. M. Guest returned thanks in an eloquent and instructive speech. He told the brethren that the great interest which their excellent working and the harmonious feeling prevalent amongst them would have under any circumstances excited in his mind was, if possible, increased by the fact that the founder of their Lodge and first W.M. now in the chair was a Dorsetshire Mason. Bro. Perini had continued the good work commenced by Bro. Broadley, and he exhorted them one and all to persevere in their endeavours to maintain and propagate English Masonry in the midst of a foreign country. Bro. Guest resumed his seat amidst tokens of approbation, and Bro. Hambro in a few well chosen sentences expressed his satisfaction with all he had seen of Masonry in Tunis both in and out of the Lodge. The P.D.D.G.M. then brought before the Lodge an appeal for aid. He said that a few nights ago the British S.S. Mary Driver foundered off Cape Bianco, on the Tunisian coast. The captain, Bro. James Lowrie Wood (whom he had reason to believe was an old Mason, belonging to the Lion Lodge, No. 312 at Whitby), was drowned, but the chief mate, Bro. Reuben Lee Webster, of St. John's Lodge, No. 175, at Greenock, Scotland, was rescued and present amongst them that evening, though he had just quitted the hall. He asked the brethren to give some aid to Bro. Webster to enable him to proceed with some degree of comfort to his native land. The D. of C. circulated the "*sac de bienfaisance*" which yielded £2 14s. Bro. Webster re-entered the Lodge and had this sum handed to him. He returned thanks to the brethren, and said as soon as he regained his former position he would take care to devote the sum he had now received as a distressed Mason to relieve the afflictions of some equally unfortunate brother. The Lodge then adjourned, and Bros. Guest and Hambro retired. On work being resumed, Bro. Babian was raised to the third degree, and the Lodge was lowered. Before closing, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Rosenbusch D.D.G.M. for his kindly visit to the Lodge he had virtually founded. Bro. Rosenbusch expressed his satisfaction at their progress, and promised to further assist Bro. Webster in Malta if necessary. He entreated them to redouble, if possible, the exertions they had put forth during the past three years. The Lodge was then closed, at a somewhat late hour.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

THE first annual festival of this Lodge was held at the Assembly Rooms, Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex, on Thursday, 20th May, when there was a full attendance of members and visitors. The W.M. elect, W. Bro. Edward Dorling, was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by W. Bro. Alfred Welch P.M. 51 P.P.J.G.W. Essex, in a most impressive manner, and at the close the following were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—W. Bros. B. A. Arnold I.P.M., C. Randall S.W., C. Hempson J.W., W. R. Wellham P.M. Treas., R. Scott Sec., W. R. Bloom S.D., T. C. Riddledell J.D., W. Finer I.G., A. G. Rickarby Steward, J. James Tyler. In the course of the proceedings it was announced that since the consecration of the Lodge by Lord Skelmersdale (now Earl of Lathom), about a year ago, twenty-six brethren had been initiated and twenty-eight had joined, and, notwithstanding the necessarily heavy expenses of founding a Lodge, they were free from debt. A special vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to W. Bro. B. A. Arnold the first W.M., and after whom the Lodge is named, for his munificence during his year of office. On taking the chair W. Bro. Dorling presented to the Lodge a Steward's collar and jewel, as a memento of the occasion. After the business, about fifty brethren sat down at the Marino Hotel, to a *récherché* banquet, served *à la Russe* by the new landlord, Bro. Fleck, in a manner that showed him to be a worthy successor to Bro. Dorling. The usual Masonic toasts were given during the evening and heartily responded to.

Frederick of Unity Lodge, No. 452.—The meeting for election of W.M. and Treasurer of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. There were present Bros. Charles Pawley W.M., E. H. Sugg S.W., F. A. Manning J.W., James Robins P.M. Treasurer, Magnus Ohren P.M. G.A.D.C. Secretary, J. C. F. W. Rogers S.D., J. Methven J.D., Charles M. Ohren I.G., Rawles as Tyler. Amongst other Past Masters present were Bros. A. T. Jeffery and J. W. Sugg. The Lodge was opened in regular form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The name of a candidate, who had been already balloted for, appeared on the agenda paper, but he was unable to be present for initiation on this occasion, and consequently his election, according to the bye-laws, fell through. The choice of the members was unanimous in favour of Bro. E. H. Sugg, who therefore will be installed as W.M. at the next meeting of the Lodge. Bro. James Robins was likewise unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The Treasurer's Report showed a balance in hand, with all liabilities cleared. The names of two brethren as candidates for initiation, to be brought forward at next meeting, were named to the Secretary, and after routine business the meeting was closed. In the course of the evening, intimation of the death of the I.P.M. Bro. Charles Henry Edmonds was communicated to the Lodge, and the brethren expressed their deep regret at the loss of so esteemed a member. The brethren then partook of a capital banquet, which was admirably served by the new proprietor of the Greyhound. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Pawley gave the usual toasts. Bro. Magnus Ohren G.A.D.C. replied for the Grand Officers, and took the opportunity of

personally thanking the brethren for the hearty congratulations he had received upon his appointment to that august body. For the toast of the Prov. G.M. and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Brother Jeffery responded, and then Bro. J. W. Sugg proposed the health of the W.M. This having been suitably acknowledged, the remaining toasts were fully honoured, and the brethren separated with agreeable reminiscences of having spent a most enjoyable evening. Bros. W. J. Sugg 1719 and W. W. Morgan 211 were present as Visitors.

Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—To those of our brethren who have been present at the meetings of this Lodge, it may be somewhat out of place to mention the musical skill of some of its members, but as there are so many who have not had that pleasure, we have no hesitation in devoting a portion of our space to one at least of its number, Bro. J. Niedzielski, whose performances on the violin we have on more than one occasion referred to in reporting the proceedings at regular meetings of the Lodge. His rendering of the "Melancholie of Ernst" at the meeting in April last called forth an encore, to which our brother responded, selecting the "Reverie de Vieuxtemps" for the purpose. The W.M. of the Lodge (Bro. Dr. V. Jagielski) in expressing the thanks of the members to Bro. Niedzielski, referred to the death of the great Polish violinist, Joseph Wieniawski, which recently occurred at St. Petersburg. The loss to the musical world sustained by the death of this artiste was very great; but the W.M. said they had that evening sustained some comfort in listening to the performance of their Brother Niedzielski, a native of Warsaw, which gave rise to a hope that ere long he would fill the place rendered vacant by the death of his illustrious countryman, who was personally known to him. He is an artiste who knows no difficulties, or at least if he does, they disappear under his skilful management of the bow and instrument. He is especially to be complimented on the depth of feeling and expression which he introduces into his playing, points which composers so greatly appreciate in those who undertake the representation of their productions. The W.M. concluded by tendering to Bro. Niedzielski the best wishes of himself and the Lodge for his future success, a desire we feel happy in endorsing.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, 24th inst., at the Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston. Bro. McDonald presided as W.M., and was supported by Bros. Myers as S.W., Goddard J.W., Seymour-Clarke Sec., Kimball S.D., Worsley as I.P.M., Robson I.G., &c. &c. The Lodge having been opened and minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, the first five sections of the first lecture were worked by the brethren in the order given, namely, Bros. Robson, S. L. Green, Seymour-Clarke, Worsley, and Myers. Bro. Worsley was elected a subscribing member, and Bro. W. W. Morgan Sec. 211 an honorary member. Bro. Myers was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and what business remained having been despatched, the Lodge was closed. We would remark that this is a zealous little Lodge, the members of which work well together and enjoy the advantage of having for their Preceptor that able and painstaking expositor of our ritual—Bro. Myers. Moreover, to those who think they are likely to study to greater advantage in a pleasant, open part, free from the closeness of most City Lodge Quarters, we should recommend a visit hither at this season of the year. They will find the accommodation at the Mitford excellent, and will doubtless meet several genial spirits willing and able to promote their desire for further Masonic knowledge.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—An Emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. presided, and there were also present Bros. J. T. Seller S.W., G. Simpson J.W., J. Kay

Sec., W. P. Husband Assistant Sec., G. Balmford P.M. Treas., W. York as S.D., A. T. B. Turner as J.D., W. Girling as I.G., O. Marshall Organist, P. Pearson Tyler, Stabbs, Thorpe, Jackson, Churchill, Carter, &c. Bro. Chapman was passed to the second degree, the W.T. being given by the J.W. At the subsequent meeting for refreshment the toast of success to the Eboracum Lodge was given by Bro. Whytehead, who sketched the history of the Lodge from its formation, nearly four years ago, and urged the brethren to do all in their power to maintain the splendid reputation which the Lodge had gained, not only for the substantial work of charity, but for good Masonic working. The toasts of the W.M. and I.P.M. were heartily drunk, great regret being expressed at the absence of the latter through indisposition. Bro. Carter proposed the Treasurer of the Lodge, and Bro. Balmford responded, and referred to the financial position of the Lodge. Bro. Marshall gave the health of the Lectare Master, and Bro. Whytehead responded. The circumstance of the Queen's birthday was not forgotten, and the Queen and Craft was specially honoured.

Kings Cross Lodge of Instruction.—The regular meeting was held at Bro. De Vine's, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, on the 23rd inst. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. M. Stiles I.P.M. 1732, F. Guyer S.W., S. Solomon J.W., De Vine Treasurer, W. Burgess Deacon, Silvestro I.G., Leon Solomon acting Sec., Ash P.M. Preceptor. The Lodge was opened and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of the third degree, Bro. Seaton candidate. The ceremony of initiation was also rehearsed, Bro. Silvestro acting as candidate. The first and fourth sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. Ash, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Guyer was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The working of the W.M. and Officers deserves especial praise. Amongst those present were Bros. S. Hickman, Koester, H. M. Levy, J. Storkirk, A. Gough, and H. Baker.

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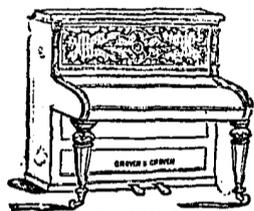
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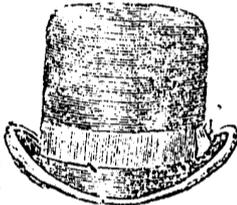


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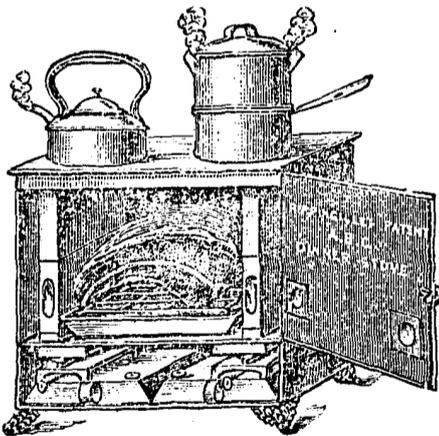


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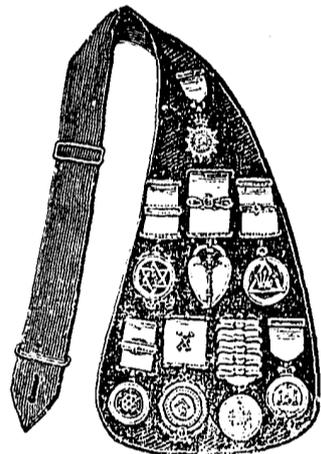
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