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OBEDIENCE TO THE CONSTITUTIONS.

IT is very desirable we should call the attention of our readers to a letter addressed by Bro. John Havers to our London Masonic contemporary on the recent purchase by the Board of General Purposes of certain premises contiguous to Freemasons' Hall. The letter was published last week, and dealt with "a statement made by the President of the Board of General Purposes at Grand Lodge" on the 1st instant, that statement being to the effect "that there was some sort of precedent for the purchase of property by the Board of General Purposes without the previous sanction of Grand Lodge, in what was done by me, and by those I had the honour of presiding over, in 1857 or thereabouts." Bro. Havers, with whom, on the score of the feeble state of his health, all brethren will unaffectedly sympathise, carefully limits himself to saying that he has "no recollection of" any such precedent; and he adds, "nor do I think it possible with my feelings on the subject, and with my determination never to break the laws of our Order, that, either while I was President of the Board of General Purposes, or while I was Chairman of the Building Committee, either of those bodies made any purchase of land or houses without the sanction of Grand Lodge having been previously obtained." Bro. Havers invites correction in the event of his having made any mistake; but we hardly think it likely he has erred, when we bear in mind what was stated in the Report of the Committee appointed in March last to investigate the circumstances connected with the late purchase of premises. It seems that two instances which occurred in the course of the aforesaid year of 1857 "were brought to the notice of the Committee," as they were supposed to be of a somewhat similar nature to the case which had led to the inquiry then under consideration; but—and it is well to note this with something like exact circumstance—the Committee are reported to have found that the surroundings of the cases "differed so materially from the present that they could not fairly be considered as precedents for warranting the course now adopted, nor did it appear that, in these instances, were they present to the Board of General Purposes when it was resolved to purchase the property in question." This report, which, be it remembered, is signed by the M.W. Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and, more important still in a legal sense, by Bro. G. Registrar and Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., thus in great measure confirms the recollection of Bro. Havers, that during his Presidency of the Board of General Purposes nothing was done by that body which could be interpreted by the present Board as justifying its irregular purchase of certain properties.

We confess we are not deeply impressed with the wisdom exhibited by the Board of General Purposes in the conduct of the important business entrusted to its charge. We have often noted with a keen sense of the ridiculous how urgent the Board is in all matters of a trivial character; how instant it is in censuring what is almost unworthy of rebuke, while it passes over unnoticed the most serious shortcomings. We are of those who think the law should be obeyed in the letter as well as in the spirit, but we do not think a slight dereliction of duty in respect of the former should be visited with a considerable punishment, while a flagrant apostasy from Masonic principle is entirely overlooked. But the shortcomings we have in mind in this connection are as nothing compared with the offence of

which the Board has been lately found virtually guilty by a special Committee of Inquiry, consisting of some of the most eminent and distinguished members of the Fraternity. This Committee has very properly ruled that the laws of the Craft must be implicitly obeyed, but is it not most deplorable that this ruling should have been found necessary in the case of the Board of General Purposes, which is presumably the correct and faithful expositor of our Constitutions? If the Board is itself indifferent to the requirements of the law it is called upon to administer, what likelihood is there of any respect being paid to the exposition of that law in other cases. What must the Craft think of a tribunal which one day fines a Lodge for a slight oversight, and the next day drives a coach and six through our Constitutions? The plea that in the latter case it was actuated by *bona fides* is an absurdity. It is a matter of course that when the Board purchased the property in question it was actuated by good faith, and a resolution to do its best for the interests of the Craft it represented. But such a recognition of *bona fides* is in no wise calculated to impress either ourselves or our readers with a very favourable idea of the common sense exhibited, and that after all is the chief pre-requisite in the case of a judicial body.

But the Board of General Purposes may have been advised that, in addition to its undoubted *bona fides*, it had common sense and legal competence on its side. But, says Bro. Havers, "I know that he"—that is, the G. Registrar, who is constitutionally the Board's legal adviser—"was not consulted." This, indeed, is borne out by the constitution of the Committee of Inquiry which, if Bro. McIntyre had officially endorsed the action of the Board, would hardly have included that distinguished Brother among its members. Still more remarkable is the statement in the third paragraph of Bro. Havers's letter, to the effect that the purchase was completed "without the knowledge or sanction of the Trustees." It will, however, be better that we should quote this important paragraph in its integrity. Says Bro. Havers: "Without in any way casting a shadow of doubt on the *bona fides* of the Board, I must acknowledge that I was astonished when I heard of the purchase of so large a property having been made without the authority of Grand Lodge, and I may add that what astonished me most was, how the money was obtained, or the stock sold out to pay for it without the knowledge or sanction of the Trustees." It will be seen from this that the departure of the Board of General Purposes from constitutional usage is an error of the very gravest character. To urge in defence of such misconduct that the Board was actuated by *bona fides* is to enunciate a truism. No one, as we have before suggested, for one moment imagines the Board were influenced by any other motive. A man may plead that he broke the bonds of discipline from the best of motives; but though the plea may extenuate in some slight degree, it cannot excuse, his conduct.

It seems to us that Sir J. B. Monckton, in his speech in Grand Lodge, instead of strengthening the case of his Board, made it decidedly weaker, when he took exception to that portion of the Committee's Report which referred to the instances of 1857. The Committee reported that the circumstances in these cases differed materially from those in the case under consideration, and the natural inference is that, such being so, those instances could not be regarded as precedents. Sir J. B. Monckton is reported to have said that, "if they"—the present Board—"did consider those cases, it appeared to him and several

members of the Board, that the earlier precedents, if they had been before them, would have justified their proceedings, because they generally referred to a time when, under their esteemed Bro. Havers, the Board made certain valuable purchases for the benefit of the Craft." Sir J. B. Monckton prefaced the above remarks by assuming "that he was talking to men of legal and logical minds." This is likely to have been the case; but our respected brother must forgive us if we point out that he himself was most unfortunate in his illustration of what is legal and logical. A man who is thoroughly imbued with the spirit of legality would never dream of setting at naught the requirements of the law. He who fortunately possesses a logical mind, could never have been so faithless to the doctrines inculcated by Aristotle, Whateley, and others, as, in the first instance, to affirm that certain cases which occurred in 1857 "were supposed to be of a nature somewhat similar to the case now considered," and then, in the very next sentence, to suggest that if those cases had been before the Board—which they do not appear to have been—they would have served as precedents. The logical mind would very properly be at the pains of pointing out that whether or not the 1857 cases may be supposed to be of a nature somewhat similar "to the case now considered," and whether or not they might have served as precedents and "justified these proceedings," in the present instance they do not appear to have been taken into consideration, and what Sir J. B. Monckton's Board did was done of its own motion. The course adopted in the recent purchase was an unprecedented violation of the letter and spirit of our Constitutions. The Board has been very properly indemnified for its misconduct, and the curtain has now fallen on what can only be considered as a most unfortunate display of over-zeal on the part of that very Board which, having due regard to the important duties assigned to it, should be a model of legality and logic to the whole Craft.

We attach greater importance to the circumstances of the case we have been considering, because they furnish the second instance within less than a year of the illegal and illogical haste with which our governing bodies appear to be inoculated whenever they think there is an opportunity for the display of zeal. It is not so very long ago that the purchase of Lyncombe House was shown to have been a most irregular proceeding, unwarranted by the laws of the Institution for which it was purchased. And this month we have seen Grand Lodge stepping forward for the purpose of vindicating the majesty of its own laws against its own Board of General Purposes. No one, we imagine, will be surprised that the Committee of Inquiry should have reported that in their judgment it was "of the highest importance that the laws of the Craft should be implicitly adhered to." Yet it cannot but surprise the members of the Craft that Sir J. B. Monckton, after a direct appeal to the "men of legal and logical minds," whom he addressed in Grand Lodge on the 1st instant, should have taken exception to so mild a rebuke of his Board's illegal action on grounds so utterly illogical.

THE MOTHER CITY OF AMERICAN FREEMASONRY.—III.

By Bro. R. F. GOULD.

IN the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, 20th ult., Bro. Hughan says:—"Was a Warrant ever granted by the G. L. of England or by the Prov. G. Master Coxe? (which means the same thing virtually)." But towards the close of his able article, our brother qualifies this observation by some remarks which bear in quite another direction. He says:—"Why should it not be accepted as fairly probable . . . that 79 was for a short while located to Philadelphia, in response to the petition of the brethren in that city, who, however, relinquished it for the charter given them by Bro. Coxe."

My object herein is not, however, to comment on the discrepant conclusions of an eminent Masonic writer, which, I freely admit, reflect very accurately the confusion of language presented by the documentary evidence he has sought to analyse, but rather at the outset of these remarks, to submit that the famous letter of 1754 from Bro. Bell, of Lancaster, to Bro. Cadwallader, of Philadelphia, cited in the CHRONICLE of the 13th and 20th November, ex-

hibits an amount of *latent ambiguity*, which there is no evidence forthcoming to remove.

For convenience sake I will again set out the letter in question, premising, however, that the arrangement by paragraphs and the use of italics have been adopted by me to render my comments more intelligible.

[Bro. H. Bell to Bro. T. Cadwallader, A.D. 1754.]

(a) I was one of the originators of the first Masonic Lodge in Philadelphia. Once, in the fall of 1730, we formed a *design* of obtaining a charter for a *regular* Lodge,

(b) But before receiving it we heard that Daniel Coxe . . . had been appointed by that Grand Lodge as Provincial Grand Master . . .

(c) We therefore made application to him, and our request was granted.

(a) Bro. Bell here states that a design was once formed—thereby implying that it was not carried to fruition—of obtaining a charter for a *regular* Lodge; the word "regular" in this connection, further signifying that the Lodge or Lodges subsequently established by local dispensation were *irregular* Lodges, or, to say the least, inferior in the estimation of Philadelphians of that era—to Lodges constituted by the G. L. of England. I think this admission of Bro. Bell, that no *regular* Lodge was formed in his time, is worthy the attention of our Boston brethren, and I recommend it, moreover, to the notice of "PHILADELPHOS" but as I am not directly concerned with this point I pass on to the next.

(b) The expression "before receiving it" is a very ambiguous one, and may indicate that a Warrant was *ultimately* received from England.

(c) The wording of this sentence is quite antagonistic to that which precedes it, and the expression "our request was granted" may be thus read—"our request was [at last] granted."

Having regard to Bro. Bell's letter, and the general features of the case, it seems to me that Bro. Hughan, so to speak, "blows both hot and cold" when he speaks of warrants from England and from Daniel Coxe meaning the same thing; and then adding, "that a charter from the G. L. of England might have been relinquished for one from the Provincial G.M."

1stly. I disbelieve altogether in the possibility of the London Warrant being changed for a Philadelphia one.

2ndly. Daniel Coxe was in England, and present at G. Lodge, in 1731, and, as I think, *must* have learnt enough of the practice of G.L. in regard to Provincial and Colonial Lodges, to have ensured the continuance of the Philadelphian Lodge at No. 79, if so placed in 1731, as urged by Bro. Hughan.* [See paragraph 4, "Final Conclusions."]

3rdly. Except on the authority of paragraph *b* of Bro. Bell's letter (*ante*) read disjunctively, all the evidence in the said letter bears against the theory of an English Warrant having been received.

But whilst I dissent from much of the *argument* with which Bro. Hughan supports his *theory*, I go almost, and perhaps quite as far as that erudite brother, in a belief that the entry in the *Dublin Pocket Companion* referring to Lodge No. 79, was no invention of the compiler. In my first article I put forward an *hypothesis*—I have no *theories*—that the Boston Lodge might have been first numbered 79 in error. If, however, my postulation meets with no assent, I can but say, that it is the most reasonable conjecture I am able to build up.

I think Bro. Hughan will agree that, save as regards the No. 79, the *Dublin Companion* was a copy of the *English Companion*. The Constitutions of both "Moderns" and "Ancients" were similarly reprinted in Dublin.

William Smith, the publisher of the London "Pocket Companion," was thus alluded to in the minutes of Grand Lodge, under date of 24th February 173½ [1735]:—

[Dr. Anderson] "reported that one William Smith, said to be a Mason, had, without his privity or consent, pyrated a considerable part of the Constitutions of Masonry aforesaid, to the prejudice of the said Br. Anderson, it being his sole Property. Resolved, That every Master and Warden present shall do all in his power to discountenance so unfair a Practise, and prevent the said Smith's Books being bought by any of the members of their respective Lodges."

* If the Lodge at the "Hoop," &c., was ever placed at the No. 79, *query* would it have been competent to the Grand Secretary of 1731 to have removed the American Lodge from the *general list*, even at the request of Daniel Coxe himself, on the ground of a *local* warrant being preferred by the brethren?

The Minutes of this date [24th Feb. 1735] also record the payment of two guineas for its constitution, by the Lodge meeting at the Duke of "Marleburgh's" Head, No. 126 in the two Pocket Companions, and No. 128 in the later 1734 and subsequent lists.

The compiler of the Dublin work may, of course, have consulted back numbers of the Engraved Lists, until he found one in which the 79th place was full, and Bro. Hughan's theory as to the Philadelphian Lodge getting on our roll in 1731 is supported by the fact—which I am aware tells against my own hypothesis—that a careful examination of the names and descriptions of Lodges represented at G.L. during 1730-32, has failed to indicate any Lodge, which was not previously known to me. Or, in other words, that if the No. 79 was filled prior to its occupancy by the Lodge at the Castle, Highgate, on the 21st November 1732, as seems highly probable, the Lodge numbered 79 in 1731-32 was clearly not a London Lodge.

The number may indeed have been allotted, but never taken up, as occasionally happened.*

I forget whether the "Hoop" tavern is spoken of in Bro. McCalla's book† (apart from Bro. Hughan's discovery), but I think not. If I am right in this belief, it may be worth inquiring how this description could have originated.

The "Signs of the Houses" where Lodges assembled were shown in reduced *fac simile* in the Engraved Lists, and it has occurred to me that the "Three Tuns," [or the "Tun"] in Water St., Philadelphia" may have been so pictured in an official list, as to have been taken for a "Hoop" by the person from whose report the description of No. 79 was written down.

I invite Bro. Hughan's notice to the preceding supposition, as it appears to me that the bearing of the circumstances under review, supports the theory of which he is the champion.

If no such tavern as the "Hoop" is known to have been in existence, then I think the probability of the "Something at Water Street, Philadelphia," having appeared at the No. 79 on the English roll of Lodges is much increased, and for the following reasons:—

The actual signification of the tavern signs is not easily determined by a casual inspection of their pictured impressions in the Engraved Lists. Private lists, *i.e.*, copies of the official lists, abound therefore with errors of interpretation; for example, the "Dolphin" is generally given as the "Whale," the "Three Cranes" as the "Three Swans," the "Raven and Bell" as the "Bell and Blackbird," and so on. Some "signs," however, would have baffled even the critical insight of Messrs. Hotten and Larwood. The fourth in order on the Engraved list for 1723,‡ is especially incomprehensible, and after successively interpreting it, as "the Moon," "Black Ball," and "Cushion," the accidental discovery of its written description in the records of Grand Lodge showed me that the pictured impression in the official List was the representation of a "Cheshire Cheese." Many other signs, for example, the "Sash and Cocoa Tree," the "Green Lattice," the "Woolpack," the "Sugar Loaf," &c., &c., are equally incomprehensible.

In conclusion, whilst conceding the balance of argument to be, perhaps, in favour of the view espoused by Bro. Hughan, I will briefly enumerate the chief points which in my judgment bear against the Philadelphian theory.

FINAL CONCLUSIONS.

1. The Dublin list was copied from a list of 1734, not 1731, and it seems unlikely that the copyist should have taken 125 Lodges from a list of the then current date, and one from a list published three years earlier.
2. The improbability of a foreign Lodge appearing on our roll during a single year.
3. The double vacancy of No. 79 [1732 and 1733] which is essential to the maintenance of Bro. Hughan's theory.
4. According to the "Bell-Cadwallader" letter, a local Charter was granted by Daniel Coxe in 1730. Coxe was present in Grand Lodge on the 29th January 1731, and the appearance of his name amongst the members of

No. 8 (Devil) in a list carried up to 1732, affords evidence from which we may infer that he was in England, and member of a London Lodge before the No. 79 was allotted in the first instance [1731], and until the payment for its constitution by the Lodge at the Castle, Highgate, on 21st November 1732. The No. 79, or indeed any other number, would scarcely have been bestowed on a Philadelphian Lodge without consulting the Prov. G.M. present in London. Indeed, there can hardly be a doubt that if the Lodge in Water Lane, Philadelphia, ever got on our English roll, this must have been due to the direct application of Daniel Coxe. Equally true, I take to be the resulting inference, *viz.*, that its disappearance must have been controlled by a similar agency. Therefore, whilst I concede that Daniel Coxe may have been desirous of seeing a Lodge of his creation placed, I cannot believe that he would afterwards have been instrumental in having it displaced.

Since penning the foregoing article, I have referred to one of the many books kindly sent me by Past Grand Master Nickerson (Massachusetts), *viz.*, "Grand Master Gardner's Address upon Henry Price," and shall be obliged by the insertion of the following *Addendum*:—

Henry Price in a letter dated Aug. 6, 1755, says:—"I Rec^{d.} my Deputation . . . in April 1733 . . . I have some remote thoughts of once more seeing London with all Brethren in the Grand Lodge after twenty-two years' absence."

This letter plainly evidences that Price was in London and personally received his deputation, the same being dated April 30, 1733.

Now, as Price was in London in April 1733, and "personally acquainted with Grand Officers," &c. [vide G.M. Gardner's excellent address], it is almost impossible that he did not know of an American Lodge having been placed at the No. 79, if such event occurred (as contended) in 1731, whilst it is quite impossible, that possessing such knowledge (even if subsequently acquired) he would have plainly expressed in the letter already quoted from, his belief in having established Masonry in North America.

R. F. G.

ANTIEN AND PRIMITIVE RITE.

Rose of Sharon, Rose Croix Chapter, No. 6.—The regular meeting of this Chapter was held at the Chapter House, 77½ Bishopsgate-street-within, on Tuesday, 7th inst. Present—Sir Knights Henry Meyer 32, Ill. W. James Hill 33 P. Ill. W. and Sec., John H. Southwood P.M. P.Z. 32 acting S.W., William Stephens P.M. P.Z. 32 (Sub. Gd. Com. Senate No. 6) as J.W., Henry Stephens P.M. 31 Orator, Edward Harrison 31 Treasurer, Richard Marshall 30 Captain of Guard, Thomas Sims 30 Guard of Tower, and J. H. Peach 30 Archivist; also an Ill. Bro. Visitor. The Chapter was opened in due form with solemn prayer. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. There being no further business the Chapter was closed, and the meeting adjourned till the first Tuesday in the New year. The Ill. brethren afterwards partook of refreshments, served in the ante-room.

Mystic Temple, Province of Middlesex.—A special convocation of the S.F.M. 32 assembled at the Rooms, 77½ Bishopsgate-street-within, on Tuesday, 7th December, under warrant from the Gd. Sec. Gen. (acting as the G.M.L. for the Province). The following Ill. brethren attended, *viz.*:—James Hill 33 (acting G.M.L.), William Stephens 32 Grand Orator, Henry Meyer 32 Gd. Treas., J. H. Southwood 32 Gd. Examiner, W. J. Meek 32 Grand Keeper of Rites. Convocation having been opened in ample form with solemn prayer, declared on the 31 (G.D.R.), and received several Ill. brethren. The appointment of the Officers of the G.D. Tribunal (31) were then proclaimed, and the following Ill. brethren invested with the insignia of their rank, *viz.*:—Edward Harrison 31 Gd. S., Bernard Meyer 31 Gd. D. (in absentio), Henry Stephens 31 Gd. A. Convocation was then closed and the Ill. brethren attended the "Rose of Sharon" Chapter of Rose Croix, held on the same evening.

The Primitive Pilgrim Chapter Rose Croix, No. 5, Holyhead.—Met on Thursday, 9th inst., for the purpose of admitting four candidates to this interesting degree. Two of them were prevented by illness from attending, the other two being present, the ceremony was carried out most efficiently by the M.W. and the Grand Expert Gen. of the Rite. A large contingent of Irish members attended. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the Royal Arcade Hotel, and partook of a most *recherché* banquet. After which the usual Loyal and Ancient and Primitive toasts were given and heartily responded to. A most pleasant evening was spent.

* See "Four Old Lodges," p 56. The No. 248 [1740-55], dated 7th June 1754, appears to have been vacant on all lists.

† Bro. Hughan lent me his copy of this very interesting work at the beginning of the year, but the notes I made only refer to the subject of "Military Lodges."

‡ Four Old Lodges, p 3.

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WITHDRAWAL OF VISITORS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

9th December 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am surprised that so experienced and astute a Craftsman as Bro. Constable should have failed to see that, however well vouched for he may have been, he had no ground whatever for remaining in the Goodwill Lodge, Port Elizabeth, during the consideration of its private business. The footnote to your report of the Tranquility Lodge, No. 185, published on 27th November, distinctly states that "when the minutes were about to be read, the W.M. requested the Visitor to retire, as some matters would have to be discussed in which a stranger had no concern." It was not only therefore, a matter "of course" that the W.M.'s ruling should be obeyed, but Bro. Constable should have retired gracefully, without first stopping "indignantly" to inquire "whether a Brother Mason, so well introduced and vouched for, was unfit to be entrusted with Lodge matters of any description." His indignation was uncalled for, and is inexcusable, as he will discover if he refers to that part of Oliver's *Masonic Jurisprudence*, which treats of "Visitors." He will there find it laid down as a suggestion by that admirable type of a courteous Freemason, that though there may be no written law on the subject, a certain delicacy of feeling by which all brethren are presumed to be actuated will prompt them to withdraw of their own motion, from the Lodge during the discussion of matters "in which a stranger" has "no concern." Bro. Constable, therefore, must pardon me if I take the liberty of pointing out to him that the resentment he displayed at a very natural request, and his quitting the Lodge "not to enter it again," resolve themselves into a very silly exhibition of spleen, while the perpetuation of his folly in the footnote referred to will only have the effect of making him appear still more ridiculous in the sight of others. He must bear in mind that the meeting of Lodge is, in many respects, a kind of family gathering, and no mere visitor, with any sense of delicacy or politeness, would ever dream of intruding at a time when family matters with which they "had no concern" were being considered. There is nothing unusual, and it is impossible there can be anything offensive—anything calculated to evoke a sense of indignation—in hinting at or requesting the withdrawal of Visitors when Lodge matters are about to be considered; but there is something very silly and very likely to create a feeling of annoyance in the minds of a Master and the members of a Lodge, when a Visitor is hardy enough to regard a very natural request as an act of grave discourtesy. Were I in Bro. Constable's shoes I should wish your reporter had been discreetly silent respecting the "incident" that occurred during the visit to Goodwill Lodge.

Faternally yours,

THE IRREPRESSIBLE TOMKINS.

[In support of our correspondent's view we draw the attention of our readers to a report, which appears elsewhere in our columns, of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, Du Toits Pan, S. Africa. It is there stated, that "The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. After some other business had been gone through several visiting brethren were admitted." This shows, at all events, that while our South African brethren, in this or that Lodge assembled, extend a hearty welcome to Visitors, they do not think it a part of their duty to receive them into their confidence in respect of the private concerns of the Lodge; and small blame to them for so thinking. It would better have become Bro. Constable had he done what our correspondent suggests he should have done—retired gracefully and unhesitatingly. He has, ere now, met with more than one rebuff for his attempted interference in Lodge business, and if he consults his own dignity—to say nothing of his desire to stand well in the estimation of the Craft—he will cultivate a little more that "certain delicacy of feeling by which all brethren are presumed to be actuated" toward each other, whether individually or collectively in Lodge assembled.—Ed. F. C.]

A DISSERTATION ON FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I read with much interest the Dissertation on Freemasonry delivered recently in the Montefiore Lodge, and since published in your columns. I do not say it contained much that was novel in the way of information, or that the opinions it expressed were very striking; so much as this could hardly have been expected from so young a Mason. But it is always a pleasure to find a newly-accepted brother busying himself with the concerns of Freemasonry, and especially with what relates to its character for enlightenment. I should be sorry to see any disturbance of what are known as the Landmarks of Freemasonry, but I do not think the

retention of those Landmarks need prove an obstacle to the many improvements for which there is ample scope in the language of our ceremonies and lectures. The educated Mason may not altogether approve of much that he finds in these, but he knows or can determine with something like accuracy the sources from which they have been compiled. He may not, indeed he cannot, accept them literally: but he reads between the lines, so to speak, and fully appreciates the grand truths which are hidden beneath the surface. On the other hand, the uneducated, and probably not over-intelligent, brother is unable to distinguish between what is true in the letter, and what is only partially true or true in the spirit. Again, a Lodge of Instruction, as Bro. Sigismund pointed out in his letter of last week, is not the school for enlightening the raw recruits of Masonry. The members who attend are willing enough to learn, but in too many cases the Preceptor is unable to teach. He can work a lecture and rehearse a ceremony, just as the clerk in a parish church is up to leading the responses; but with a few notable exceptions, I question if there is any serious difference between the Masonic Preceptor and the average parish clerk—that is, in their respective fields of labour. Both say what they have to say because it is "in the book;" but it would puzzle them to explain why it is there or what it all means.

I agree with Bro. Pollitzer that "it is only by the expression of our opinions that we can convince each other which is right or wrong;" but I think matters of a controversial nature should be reserved for discussion outside the Lodge. Hence tact is necessary on the part of those who give Dissertations on Masonry, especially if they are but initiates of yesterday. I daresay that Bro. Sigismund will gather experience as he goes, and avoid in future even a passing reference to what is calculated to promote differences.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

TAU.

THE DEVON EDUCATIONAL FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As an ardent well-wisher of, and one who took an active part in founding the Devon Fund, I fail to see the utility of drawing useless comparisons that bear no affinity to each other.

Referring to the paragraph in your last issue, stating that a concert was about to take place in Plymouth to aid the Devon Fund.

This paragraph you (by footnote) acknowledge as a reprint from the *Western Daily Mercury*, published in Plymouth.

The writer, after stating each child on the Fund costs on the average £13 per year, then goes out of the way to show the children elected into the great Masonic schools cost between £50 and £60 per annum. I ask, What is the *motive* of this useless comparison?

The great Schools, gives an education fitting the students to fill any position in life; a good home, with varied and liberal diet; clothing, which bears no charity stamp; the moral and religious training supervised by men of ability, tact, and judgment; and with these manifold advantages *strict economy* is practised.

Knowing well what the Devon Fund was initiated for, I do not cast a slur or disparage it when I point out it simply pays the day school charges of a poor child elected on the Fund, giving clothes when necessary—the child returning during school intervals to its meals, which meals are not paid for out of the Devon Fund, but by the child's friends.

With all my heart do I wish more could be done for each child. May the forthcoming Concert be a decided success, is heartily responded to by the writer. Yet I would suggest that it is not wise to raise a false standard. Let this local Fund go on, it will surely prosper on its own merits; but, for the information of the Committee of Management, I could point to a Provincial Masonic Educational Fund that gives the same benefits as the Devon Fund at one-third less cost per child per year than the £13 quoted as the average cost to Devon.

I remain, yours faithfully,

CHARLES GODTSCHALK,

Representative of the Committee of Petitions for Devon at the Masonic Charities.

THE GREAT ARTHUR STREET MISSION,
ST. LUKE'S, E.C.

WE have great pleasure in calling the attention to the admirable philanthropic work that is being done in one of the most crowded and poorest districts of the City of London by Mr. Reuben May. We speak with a personal knowledge of the man. We know what good he has done in the course of the last twenty years, and is still bent on doing. We know there are hundreds of the poorest among our fellow citizens who are indebted to him for much kindly aid and advice, and for many an ample meal in the day of their distress. We know, and therefore can appreciate, the self-denial by which he is actuated. He is one who is at any time prepared to share his last penny with the poorest outcast. The Mission he has established in Great Arthur-street, Golden-lane, E.C., has done a vast amount of good already, but it needs support, especially at this season, when the ordinary sufferings of the poor are intensified by the weather. We urge, therefore, on our readers that they will send even a few postage stamps or packages of cast-off clothing to this worthy man. Such timely help will be most acceptable, and they may be sure the gifts, whether in money or kind, will be wisely and worthily distributed. Mr. Reuben May's address is "Mission Hall, Great Arthur-street, Golden-lane, E.C."

REVIEWS.

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Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket-Book for the Year 1881. London: Spencer's Masonic Depot, 23A Great Queen-street, W.C.

THE Calendar for the new year contains sundry additional features, to which it is desirable we should call the attention of Masons, and for which we consider the Calendar Committee of the Board of General Purposes are entitled to the thanks of the Craft. In the first place, at p 74 will be found "A Table of Grand Masters for (a) the "Moderns, 1717-1813;" (b) the "Ancients, 1753-1813;" and (c) the "United Grand Lodge of Ireland." Then, in the "List of Lodges," the "Ancient" Lodges are distinguished by a †, and have inserted against them the dates when they were respectively constituted. It will, however, occur to many of our readers to inquire why the letters "T.I." (Time Immemorial) should have been placed against Lodges Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 15, when all who have mastered even the elements of Masonic history are perfectly well aware that the only Lodges on the Roll of the United Grand Lodge of England to which the term "Time Immemorial" can with any degree of justice be made to apply are Lodges Nos. 2 and 4, the survivors of the "Four Old Lodges," which in 1717 met together, and established the Grand Lodge of England. It may have suited the purpose of Dermott, who was the guiding spirit of the great Secession, to wink at the senior "Ancient" Lodges advancing so preposterous a claim, or some of the seceding brethren may have thought they were fairly entitled to the distinction on the ground of their having, some time during their Masonic career, been members of one or other of the original "Four Old Lodges." A footnote, however, should have been inserted in order to explain that "T.I." as applied to Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 15 must be taken in a qualified sense, and not as having the same force or signification as in the case of Nos. 2 and 4. Another feature on which the Calendar Committee are to be congratulated is the insertion of a "C" against all Lodges to which Centenary Warrants have been granted. On the whole, the new issue of Grand Lodge Calendar bears evidence of a greater amount of care in the compilation, though we cannot but think it must be a sore point with the Committee when they call to mind that it is quite two years since the initiative in some of the improvements we have noted was taken by the editor of Bro. Kenning's *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar*. But while the Committee have introduced certain additional features which, with the qualifications we have stated, are unquestionably improvements, it is to be regretted they should have thought it wise to continue inserting information of a misleading character. We are not referring to the retention of the first of the "Remarkable Occurrences in Masonry," to wit, that "St. Alban formed the first Lodge in Britain, A.D. 287." It pleases the Committee—who, however, have cast the responsibility on "Anderson's Publication, A.D. 1758,"—and it will amuse, without wounding the susceptibilities of, enthusiastic Craftsmen. But Calendars are meant for use, not ornament, and what is the good of noting that this, that, or another Lodge meets on the first Monday, second Tuesday, or third Wednesday, when, as a matter of fact, it only meets on its appointed day in some six or eight months, more or less. Here, again, the credit of having taken the initiative undoubtedly belongs to the "Cosmo," and it must be remembered the Grand Lodge authorities possess facilities for inserting accurate information which no amount of labour or expense on the part of the most enterprising publisher will enable him to procure.

We would further suggest that the dates of Warrants of Constitution, or to be precise, the years in which they were severally granted, should be inserted in the case of the Royal Arch Chapters. In our opinion this Degree, which is held to be a part of pure and ancient Masonry receives but scant courtesy. It bears its share of the expenses of the Grand Secretary's Office, it liberally supports our Institutions, but its meetings are mostly formal and the attention it attracts is—well, likewise formal. Here is a fine field in which Grand Scribe E. may expend whatever of superfluous energy may remain to him when his Grand Secretarial functions have been discharged. In fine, our desire is to see Grand Lodge Calendar, in the first place as accurate, and in the second place as complete, as it can be made, and we do not know of any just cause or impediment why it should not be both the one and the other.

The Cosmopolitan Calendar for 1881. London: 198 Fleet Street, and 1, 2, 3, 4 Little Britain, &c.; also at Liverpool, Manchester, and Glasgow.

BRO. KENNING, as proprietor and publisher of the "Cosmo," is to be congratulated on its early publication and the great improvement noticeable in its contents. We state in our notice of the Grand Lodge Calendar that he has the credit of having taken the initiative in respect of inserting the dates of the "Ancient" Lodges—an initiative which Grand Lodge, after the lapse of some two years, has thought it wise to follow. We are also heartily glad to see he has introduced a further reform, and has given, as far as they were obtainable, the actual days when Lodges meet—a piece of information which is very necessary, and which some day, perhaps, Grand Lodge, with its greater facilities for issuing a completely accurate Calendar, will in its wisdom see fit to publish. We may add, that it devotes greater space to the Mark Degree, and that the particulars of Freemasonry in other countries is far more extended than in former years. It has now reached its eleventh year of issue, and is a credit to all who have had a part in its production,

Amabel Vaughan, and other Tales, &c., being the Second Series of Tales, Poems, and Masonic Papers, by Emra Holmes. With a Masonic Memoir of the Author by George Markham Tweddell, Fellow of the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries, Copenhagen; Corresponding Member of the Royal Historical Society, London; Member of the Surtees Society, &c. Author of "Shakspeare, his Times and Contemporaries;" "The Bards and Authors of Cleveland and South Durham;" &c. Truro: Lake and Lake, Princes Street. London: Freemason Office, 198 Fleet Street, and at Bro. George Kenning's Masonic Depôts—London: 1, 2, 3, 4 Little Britain, and 175 Aldersgate Street. Liverpool: 2 Monument Place. Manchester: 47 Bridge Street. Glasgow: 9 West Howard Street.

SOME time since we reproduced in our columns the Masonic Memoir of Bro. Emra Holmes, but had we not done so, Bro. Holmes is so well known as an able, active, and energetic member of the Craft, that no more than a passing note of reference to it is required, with the two-fold object of pointing out, in the first place, that his Masonic career has been in the highest degree creditable to him, and in the second place, that Bro. Tweddell's work of compiling the memoir is in every way worthy of that brother's reputation as a man of letters. Nor, as the volume of tales has been some time before the public, need we be at the pains of devoting much time or space to a consideration of its contents. But though the public may be fairly familiar with them by this time, we cannot deny ourselves the pleasure of saying a few words of well-merited eulogy. Very different in our opinion is this second series of tales from that we had occasion to notice in an earlier volume. That had nothing to commend it beyond the purpose for which it was published, which was, if we remember rightly, one most honourable to the writer; but in this book the subordinate and principal tales show both constructive ability as well as descriptive power on the part of Bro. Holmes which are worthy of praise, and for which, to say sooth, we should not have given him credit. *Amabel Vaughan* is the most elaborate, and gives the greatest proof of the powers we have just attributed to the author. Nor is it only in respect of its construction this tale deserves mention; it contains much that is interesting, and will be absolutely news to many among our readers. We refer to the account furnished of the inner life at Christ's Hospital—or the Bluecoat School, as it is more familiarly known—both in London and at Hertford. From what we have heard from those who were educated there, it is only possible for us to come to the conclusion that what is said as to the severity of the floggings, between thirty and forty years ago, is exaggerated; but in other respects we believe it is fairly accurate. There is enough of circumstance in the description to induce the belief—even if we were not already aware of the fact—that the author speaks from a personal experience of the institution. There is no doubt, too, that great improvements have taken place since the time referred to, while for all the unpleasant reminiscences of the floggings, there is a kindly tone throughout which does credit to the writer's heart. This account, however, is quite subsidiary to the plot of the story, in which the principal characters, besides Amabel or Mabel Vaughan, are Reginald Fitzgerald and Marcus Seaton. On the events of the story we will not dwell; to give even a sketch of them would spoil the pleasure of intending readers, and is unnecessary in the case of those who have read the tale. "Another Fenian Outrage: A Tale for Freemasons," is highly amusing, in testimony of which we quote the earlier part of the ceremony employed in initiating Marmaduke Forester into the mysteries of Ancient Masonry:—

"As Mr. Forester stood till the last stroke of twelve should admit him into the citadel (as he was told to call it), a profane ear might have caught sounds which were, at all events, a good imitation of boisterous laughter; but in the perturbed state of our hero's mind, they only represented the mocking groans of the ghostly visitants of that haunted mill.

Presently, just as a policeman on his beat passed him with a sharp 'Good night, Sir,' in reply to his polite salutation, the clock struck twelve. A door opened, and our hero entered. All was darkness, and a voice cried out in deep tragic tones—

'Who goes there?'

'A spy,' was the rejoinder, from another corner of the room, in a sepulchral voice.

'Seize him and bring him before the Grand Sophos.'

Two hands seized him, and he was marched forward five steps, and told that he was to stamp upon the ground at the first, third, and fifth steps, and to say *Ver-y-rum-my-ah!*

This he did—taking due pains to give each syllable distinctly, and evidently feeling that there was some mysterious meaning in the same. He was told to kneel, and the voice, which appeared to be that of the Grand Sophos, who had spoken before, exclaimed—

'To arms, brethren, and light the citadel.'

A sudden lurid glare shone out for a moment, revealing the interior of a lofty chamber; a number of figures were seen dressed in fantastic guise, all being armed with swords, which were drawn, and were being pointed at the unlucky wight, who looked wistfully round upon the scene. Standing on what might have been thought a beer barrel—if anything so out of place could have been there—was a figure clothed in white, with its head in its hands, or what looked like a head.

This was all taken in at a glance, for the flame burnt but for a moment and then died out, leaving a murky darkness and a faint smell as of brimstone.

'Behold,' said a voice, 'the form of one who hath betrayed his craft!'

'Are you prepared to pass through the ordeal which all neophytes who aspire to a knowledge of our mysteries have to undergo?'

'I am sir,' said our hero bravely.

'Jove, the fellow's got pluck!' a familiar voice muttered *sotto voce*, unheard, however, by Mr. Forester.

'Will you take the oath?'

'I will, sir.'

'Then repeat your name and take this book, which is the Volume of the Coptic Law, place the same upon your breast, and say after me,

'To arms, most venerable Masons.'

The oath was then administered to the candidate in the Egyptian language, as the Grand Sophos stated:—

'I, Marmaduke Forester, a neophyte candidate for Freemasonry, solemnly swear unto you, masters and brethren, by the holy pyramids of Egypt, and by the goddess Isis—that—

'That I nev,' said the Sophos, speaking as if it were all one word.

'Thatinev,' answered Forester.

'Erwillma,' continued the Sophos.

'Erwillma,' responded the neophyte.

'Keafoo,' said the voice.

'Keafoo,' replied the candidate.

'Lofmyselfanymorebloat.'

The candidate reiterated the last word with difficulty and some indistinctness.

'Edbreth,' said the Grand Sophos sharply.

'Edbreth,' repeated our friend.

'Ren,' muttered the headless one.

'Ren,' said Forester, trembling.

'Slochumpollywog and hachidandering!!!' the Sophos uttered in a loud voice.

'It is done, brethren. Blindfold the neophyte!'

In a minute Forester is seized from behind—his hands are tied, a bandage is placed over his eyes. At the same time a light is produced and a sound of suppressed laughter is heard. Our hero's fears are, however, too keen to allow of his taking any notice."

"Mildred," another tale, is well told; and there is a neatly-written account of "Gloucester Cathedral," which originally appeared in the *Freemason*. Some of the songs and ballads are tuneful and pathetic, such as "Alone," a Mother's Song, and "To my Boy"—aged four. However, we will not enlarge further on this series of tales and poems. We have already said, and we have great pleasure in repeating, that they are deserving of eulogy.

Cassell's Cookery (containing 900 receipts).—Messrs. Cassell, Petter, and Galpin have just commenced the reissue of their well-known Cookery Book. The present edition, which is the third, will be published in sixpenny monthly parts, each part containing 96 pages, with numerous illustrations. The publication is intended to run over thirteen months, so that for a small outlay every household will be able to secure one of the best, if not the best, book that is published on the subject of cookery. We all know how easy it is for the best dinner to be spoilt in the cooking, and therefore we should hail with pleasure any attempt to lessen the chance of mishap in the kitchen. For ourselves we do not profess to be adepts in the art of cookery, but the way in which Messrs. Cassell give instructions leads us to believe that the preparation of the choicest dishes is an easy matter, and almost induces us to try our hand. We shall certainly take an opportunity of having some of their instructions practically tested.

Ward and Lock's Universal Instructor, or Self-Culture for all.—"Above all things study" is the quotation with which Messrs. Ward and Lock head the monthly issues of this work, and from the contents of the first two parts now before us, we are inclined to believe that a careful perusal of its pages would amply repay the trouble it would entail. We are told that the work is to be completed in 36 monthly parts at sixpence each (weekly numbers one penny), and if the same care is bestowed on future issues as is apparent in the two now under notice, the work will form a valuable addition to the store of entertaining educational books.

Cassell's Popular Educator.—A new and thoroughly revised edition of this work is now in course of publication. The favourable reception accorded to the former edition is the best testimony that can be adduced as to the utility and value of this undertaking, which we hope will meet with the success which attended the previous issue of the work.

London Opinion, the first monthly part of which is now issued by Messrs. Dean and Son, has for its programme the discussion of current events and matters which occur in our midst, on what may be termed the advanced education principle. The subjects treated of in the first number are varied, some of them being approached with ability and tact.

The second annual ball given in connection with the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, is announced to take place on Tuesday, the 18th January, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., for which occasion Bro. Dan Godfrey's band, under his personal direction, is retained. Those of our readers who attended last year's ball, at the Holborn Town Hall, will not need any remarks from us to induce them to decide on attending this one. Everything passed off so well on that occasion, and all seemed so thoroughly to enjoy themselves, that we cannot wish for a more successful gathering. The names of the Stewards for next January's meeting are a sufficient guarantee that nothing will be wanting on the part of the promoters to ensure enjoyment, and all we can wish them is, that they will have a large company to support them. The ball will not be restricted to Masons, and the price of the tickets—which may be obtained of Bro. W. G. Dickins, Hon. Sec., 16 Norfolk-street, Strand, and others—are, for gentlemen, 12s 6d; ladies, 10s 6d; double ticket 21s, to include supper and light refreshment during the evening.

CONSECRATION OF THE WILLIAM OF WYKEHAM LODGE, No. 1883.

THE consecration of this Lodge took place on Monday, 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Winchester, R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight being the consecrating Officer. He was supported by a large and influential assemblage of brethren, among whom were the following:—Bros. Hickman D.P.G.M., Thos. H. H. Martin P.G.S.W., Henry Bronncker P.G.J.W., Revs. A. A. Headley and A. G. Barker P.G. Chaplains, Mark E. Frost P.G. Treasurer, A. J. Miller P.G. Secretary, R. Barnes P.G.D.C., James Harle P.G. Pursuivant, J. G. Jones P.G.O., Thos. Lamb P.G.R., John Parkinson and C. H. Liddell P.G. Stewards, J. H. Biggs and T. Exele Tylers. The Lodge of Economy, No. 76, was represented by Bros. H. Ventham, J. Marks, R. Moss, M.P. for Winchester, G. F. Nixon, E. Hall, A. A. Hill, T. Stephen P.M., W. C. Powell, J. Royle, C. O. La Croix, James Harris W.M., S. Newman, Morton, G. Cox and J. Murray. The following members of other Lodges were present:—Bros. J. Puntos P.M. 694, J. W. Daniels 1461, W. Honford 1424, G. Adams 334, Thos. Francis P.M. 804, Richard Laker 804, R. L. Lindall W.M. 1293 P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Richard Bell 1461, A. W. Galbraith 261, George Rake P.M. 487, Charles H. Rond 1112, Thomas Palmer 121, A. P. Young 359, A. G. Rider 359, 1780, Charles L. Hall 1461, James Squire P.M. 3, James W. Squire 3, R. Bradford P.M. 355, J. Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution P.P.G.J.W. Herts, C. H. Webb P.M. 174, A. Hervey 309, Edwin G. Legge Worshipful Master 1607. The ceremony of consecration being completed, that of Installation followed, Bro. S. R. Everitt being placed in the chair of K.S. He, in due course, appointed the following as the Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. E. D. Godwin P.M. S.W., W. Gamon P.M. J.W., W. H. Jacob Treasurer, J. T. Burchett Secretary, W. Lumsden S.D., G. Sealey J.D., J. Marks D.C., H. Pottle I.G., T. Bailey S.S., E. H. Macklin J.S., C. Sims Tyler. In addition to the above the following members of the new Lodge were present:—Bros. J. Simonds, J. Waterman, J. T. Doswell, W. E. Palmer. At the conclusion of the day's work, the brethren adjourned to the George Hotel to banquet. We hope to give a more detailed account of the proceedings in our next issue.

JAMAICA.

Jamaica Chapter Rose Croix.—The ordinary meeting took place at the Sussex Masonic Hall, 57 Hanover-street, Kingston, on 28th October, E. Bro. Henry Garsia M.W.S. Bro. Winslow Young Garsia, S.W. of the Westmoreland Lodge, No. 1337, was duly perfected in the 18th Degree. Ill. Bro. Capt. W. F. Portlock Dadson 32 P.M.W.S. was unanimously elected a Life Member of the Chapter, and the M.W.S. was deputed to prepare a suitable resolution to be presented to him expressing the great regret of the members at his approaching departure from the Island on the termination of his period of appointment, and in recognition of the services rendered by him to the Chapter during the past three years.

Kingston Chapter Rose Croix.—The ordinary meeting of this Chapter took place at the Sussex Masonic Hall, 57 Hanover-street, Kingston, on 8th November. Ill Bro. William Andrews 30 M.W.S. Bro. Francis Henry Saunders was duly perfected in the 18th degree, and Bro. John Edward Duncombe obligated as a serving brother to act as Equerry. Ill. Bro. W. Andrews 30 was elected by ballot as M.W.S. for the ensuing year, and E. Bro. William Duff as Treasurer. A committee was appointed to draw up a resolution to be presented to Ill. Bro. Captain W. F. Portlock Dadson 32, Recorder of the Chapter, expressing the thanks of the Chapter for the services rendered by him since its formation, and also regretting that the termination of his period of service at the end of the year would sever his active connection with it, although as a Life Member he would still continue on the roll of members.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

THE annual convocation was held on 19th ult., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess-place, Plymouth. The Principals elect were—E. Comps. James H. Keats Z., John R. Lord H., and E. A. Lean J., they were, in ancient form and with accustomed ceremony, duly installed by E. Comps. R. Pengelly P.Z. P.P.G.A.D.C., assisted by J. B. Gover P.Z. P.P.G.P.S. and James Gidley P.Z. in a Board of Installed Principals, amongst whom were Comps. S. Jew P.Z. P.P.G.T., V. Bird P.Z. P.P.G.P.S., Robert G. Bird P.Z., Richard Cawsey H. 230, J. R. H. Harris J. 230, H. Cameron J. 1205. The other Officers appointed were R. Pengelly I.P.Z., L. D. Westcott P.Z. P.P.G.A.S. Treasurer, Richard Pengelly S.E., E. Tout S.N., L. J. Webber P.S., J. G. Kevern R., John D. Barker 1st A.S., F. B. Westlake 2nd A.S., Thomas King D.C., J. Phillips Jan. Reference was made to the lamented death of the late Rev. J. Huyshe P.G.S., to whose widow a letter of condolence had been sent. After the business the Comps. adjourned to Comp. Symons's Harvey's Hotel, where the banquet was provided; the usual toasts followed, and Comp. Symons was highly complimented for his catering and attention to the comfort of his guests.

The North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471, will not hold another meeting until Thursday, 6th January, in consequence of repairs to Lodge rooms, and the Christmas holidays.

A meeting of the Metropolitan Council (Time Immemorial) Allied Masonic Degrees will be held at the Masonic Rooms, 2 Red Lion-square, this day (Saturday), the 18th inst., at three o'clock p.m.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 9th inst. The Fifteen Sections were worked, under the presidency of Bro. W. McDonald S.D. 1445, assisted by Bros. C. H. Webb Preceptor as I.P.M., and T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933, and W. H. Myers P.M. 820 and 1445 as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. The questions were ably put, and exceptionally well answered by the following brethren:—First Lecture:—Bros. Jones, H. Seymour-Clarke, E. H. Norden, I. P. Cohen, Durell, Hogg, and Musto. Second Lecture:—Bros. Vallentine, Cundick, Grammer, Myers, and Musto. Third Lecture:—Bros. J. Da Silva, T. J. Maidwell, and T. J. Barnes. After the conclusion of the Sections, Bros. Johnson, Pardon, Fenn, S. Vallentine P.M. 9, Loane, Clements, Stewart, Schweitzer, C. Lorkin, Easton, and Seymour-Clarke were unanimously elected members of the Lodge of Instruction. A cordial vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Webb to the presiding W.M. for the able and masterly manner in which he had performed the arduous duties of the chair, and that honorary membership of the Lodge be conferred on him. This was carried by acclamation, and after the W.M. had responded, a vote of thanks was accorded to the brethren who had worked the Sections. This was responded to by Bro. T. J. Barnes, who expressed his admiration of the manner in which the working had been performed, both by the W.M. and assisting brethren; he was convinced those who had worked that evening would, if called upon, again do so. About forty brethren were in attendance.

On the 16th inst., Bros. H. J. Phillips W.M., Da Silva S.W., N. P. Vallentine J.W., Gartley S.D., Ward I.G., Webb Preceptor, L. Norden Secretary, and Bros. Tobias, Paton, Schweitzer, and E. H. Norden. After usual formalities, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Paton candidate. Bro. E. H. Norden answered the usual questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. E. H. Norden as candidate. Bro. Paton, a candidate for raising, ably answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bro. Da Silva worked the first section of the Second Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The sum of one guinea was voted to the Fund for Providing a Christmas Entertainment to the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bros. H. J. Phillips and Da Silva were elected Auditors for the current year. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on 14th inst. Bro. Dignam W.M., Smyth S.W., Christian J.W., Glass S.D., Polak J.D., Carr I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Wardell, Dallas, Morling, Brasted, Edwards, Catlin, Larter, Clark, Hoare, Floyd, Garrod. After preliminaries Bro. Edwards answered the question leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Edward was passed. Lodge opened and closed in the third degree, Bro. Christian worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Garrod gave the lecture of the second tracing board. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Brasted worked the first section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Morling and Hoare were elected members. Bro. Smyth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A meeting was held on Wednesday the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading, Bros. W. Ferguson W.M., J. Early Danks I.P.M., Blackwell S.W., R. Dowsett J.W., Stransom Treas., Ivey P.M. Sec., Rev. C. R. Honey S.D., J. H. Hawkes J.D., W. J. Browne D.C., W. Ravenscroft jun. Steward, Prickett I.G., Hemmings Tyler. P.M.'s Hurley, Pulley, Flanagan, Margrett. Bros. Tegg, Weatherhead, Bailey, Collins, Cordrey, Mace, Goff, Titcombe, H. Ferguson, Wort. Visitors—Bros. Wake Rothesay 1687, S. Bradley W.M. 41, Withers Sec. 414, F. Ferguson S.D. 414, C. G. Hawkes 414, J. E. Sydenham 414. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Joseph Greenaway was balloted for as a candidate for initiation, and declared to be elected. Mr. Stephen Knight and Mr. Wm. Joseph James, both elected at the last regular Lodge, were initiated into Freemasonry. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the W.M. resigned his gavel into the hands of the I.P.M., who announced that Bro. Mace was a candidate to be raised to the third degree. This brother having satisfactorily answered the questions leading from the second to the third, was entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third, and Bro. Mace was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the I.P.M. having conducted the imposing ceremony in his usual correct and impressive manner, the effect of which was considerably increased by the vocal and instrumental accompaniment, under the direction of Bro. Hickie Org. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Bros. Cordrey, Vowles, and Hukins, were appointed on the Permanent Committee. After a proposal of a candidate for initiation, and the usual ceremonies, the Lodge was closed.

We omitted, on the 27th ult., in our report of the installation meeting, to take note of an interesting ceremony that occurred at the banquet. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. Hackford P.M. 1328, who complimented the W.M. and Officers upon the excellent working he had that day witnessed, and expressed the great pleasure he had felt in attending the Lodge at different times under the Mastership of Bro. Danks, to whom he would beg to offer (with the permission of the W.M.) a P.M. collar and silver jewel, duly inscribed, subscribed for by a few P.M.'s in London, who appreciated his correct working, and who wished to present him with some memento of their regard. The I.P.M., in a felicitous speech, returned his best thanks for the kindness shown to him by his London brethren.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—On Wednesday, 15th December, at Bro. Hurley's, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal Green Junction Railway Station. Present—Bros. Stewart W.M., Brittain S.W., Chitson J.W., Hand Sec., Ward S.D., Hammond J.D., Wooding I.G., McDonald Preceptor *pro tem*. Visitors—Bros. Clark, Christian, Munro, Quay, Clements, Dardeane, and Abrahams. After preliminaries the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Clark acting as candidate. Bro. Christian gave the traditional history. Bro. Christian worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degree, and Bro. Christian worked the third and fourth sections of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren; after other incidental business the Lodge was closed in due form.

Old England Lodge, No. 1790.—At a meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, New Thornton, Croydon, on Monday, 13th inst., Bro. B. Buckworth officiated as W.M., Bro. Foulsham I.P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Northumberland as Treasurer, H. Harland as S.W., F. C. Pascall as J.W., E. Whittaker as S.D., E. Daniel P.M. as J.D., J. Sergeant as I.G., Bavin Tyler, and Bros. Abrahams, Baber, Gates, Gillingham, Legg, Ranson, Ridpath, Shakespeare, Sheadd P.M. 720, Shorfeld, Smith, Taylor, and White; Visiting Bros., S. Clarke 1586, and Joseph Laskey P.M. 72. Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read by Bro. Foulsham and confirmed. The W.M. reported with regret that, since their last meeting, they had sustained a loss caused by the death of Bro. Robinson, the Secretary, and remarked that he had always found Bro. Robinson ready and willing to perform his duties, which were done in a cheerful and satisfactory manner. He was one of the first initiates, and he had done such good service to the Lodge, both as Secretary and as a member, that he (the W.M.) had no doubt his Officers and brethren would deplore the loss of such a valuable brother. The W.M. then appointed Bro. Baber as Secretary of the Lodge *pro tem*. He then proposed that a sum of £10 10s be voted out of the Lodge funds to the general subscription that is being raised for the benefit of the widow and child of Bro. Robinson, and that a subscription be made among the members in addition, which—after several brethren had referred in feeling terms to the regretted decease of Bro. Robinson—was seconded by Bro. Foulsham, and carried. The Secretary was directed to write a letter to Mrs. Robinson, expressing the condolence of the brethren. The Lodge was clothed in mourning as a token of respect. Mr. Charles Tarry having been balloted for and elected, was duly initiated. Bro. Jobbins, of "Constitutional" Lodge, No. 55, was then balloted for, and duly elected a joining member of this Lodge. Bros. Smith and Ridpath also answered the necessary questions previous to passing, and the Lodge having been advanced, they were passed to the second degree. The Lodge was then resumed in the first degree. One gentleman was proposed for initiation, and the Lodge closed in the usual form.

Obituary.

ONCE more we have to record the loss, caused by death, of one of those brethren whose decease will cause a gap in the circle of which he was a member, which will be very difficult to fill up. Bro. Robinson, the late Secretary of the Old England Lodge, No. 1790, has departed this life, and we have no doubt but that very many members of the Craft, outside the Lodge of which he was a member, will join the brethren thereof in their regrets and sympathy with the widow. We understand that, unfortunately, Bro. Robinson's widow and family are left totally unprovided for, and, as will be seen from the report of the last meeting of the Old England Lodge, a subscription is being raised on their behalf. We hope that the brethren who have the matter in hand will meet with a hearty response to their call.

THE THEATRES, &c.

HAYMARKET.—At 7.50, THE VICARAGE, and SCHOOL.
PRINCESS'S.—At 7.15, AN OLD MASTER. At 8, RICHELIEU.
STRAND.—At 7.30, A SUMMER CLOUD. At 8, OLIVETTE.
COURT.—At 7.30, ADRIENNE LECOUVREUR, and TWO OLD BOYS.
ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, GOOD FORTUNE.
LYCEUM.—At 7.30, BYGONES. At 8.30, THE CORSICAN BROTHERS.
ADELPHI.—At 7.15, THE ILLUSTRIOUS STRANGER. At 8, THE GREEN BUSHES.
GAIETY.—At 7.15, HAPPY VILLAGE. At 8, MUSICAL BOX. At 8.45, KERRY. At 9.45, THE CORSICAN BROTHERS & CO. On Friday, FORTY THIEVES.
GLOBE.—At 7.15, DUTCH METAL. At 8.30, LES MOUSQUETAIRES.
CRITERION.—At 8, UNCLE JOHN. At 8.45, WHERE'S THE CAT?
OPERA COMIQUE.—At 8, IN THE SULK. At 8.45, THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE.
VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, AULD ACQUAINTANCE. At 8.15, THE GUV'NOR.
FOLLY.—At 7.30, HESTER'S MYSTERY. 8.30, THE UPPER CRUST, &c.
PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 8, A NEW TRIAL.
IMPERIAL.—At 8, LES BELLES VIENNOISES. At 8.30, BILLEE TAYLOR.
ROYALTY.—At 7.30, BOW BELLS. At 9.30, DON JUAN JUNIOR.
OLYMPIC.—At 7.30, OUR RELATIVES. At 8.15, DELILAH.
ALHAMBRA.—At 7.30, FARCE. At 9.0, LA FILLE DU TAMBOUR MAJOR. On Monday, MEFISTOFELE II.
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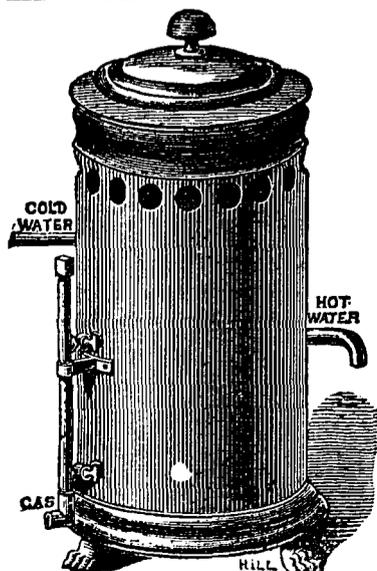
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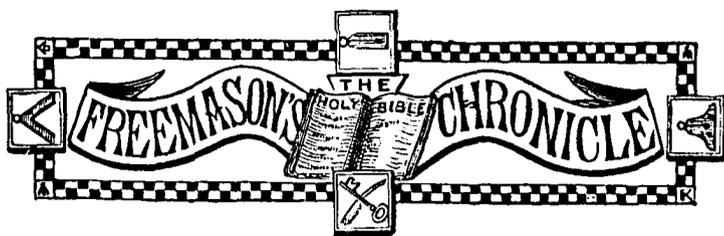
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ASSOCIATION OF CHARITY STEWARDS.

APPENDED is a copy of Resolutions unanimously passed at a meeting of the Association of Charity Stewards held at the Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, on the 1st November last.

The object of these Resolutions may be thus briefly stated. To consolidate the Benevolent and Annuity Fund, and a Fund now being raised, into one common Fund, to be called the "Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund," and to amalgamate the two Committees known respectively as the "Association of Charity Stewards" and the "Benevolent and Annuities Fund Committee" into one general representative Committee, whose duty it shall be to take charge of and promote Masonic benevolence in this Province, not only in connection with the general Masonic Charities, but also for the investigation and relief of all such local claims and applications as may from time to time be referred to it by the several Lodges in the Province.

Let it be distinctly understood that the proposed Fund will not in any way interfere with the three great Central Charities, the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the Institution for the Aged, nor is it contemplated that the Brethren will in any way relax their efforts in support of those Charities. The proposed Fund will be merely supplementary to them, occupying, in fact, ground which they do not cover.

For many years past the Benevolent and Annuity Fund of this Province has supplemented the action of the R.M.B. Institution by assisting certain of our aged Warwickshire brethren or their widows. This has been done by granting them weekly sums of money. In some cases the assistance required has only been temporary; in others it has been rendered because the recipient had not reached the necessary age (55) for an annuity to be granted from the R.M.B. Institution, or it may have been given to support a candidate until an annuity could be secured. It is proposed in the same way to help those boys and girls who may not be successful in getting admitted to the Schools. It should be remembered that it is only between the ages of eight and eleven that children are eligible for admission to those Institutions. The severity of the contest for election is also constantly increasing, and although by combined action on the part of the Governors and Subscribers throughout this Province, we have met with a fair amount of success, so many are the children who are applicants for admission to the Schools that some often have to wait over two, three, or more elections before the Province can take up their cases. Occasionally a case comes before us with strong claims for our sympathy and support, but ineligible for admission to the School by reason of having exceeded the specified age. Moreover, there are cases too often occurring where a family of several children is left more or less destitute, most of them too young for admission to the Schools even had the Province sufficient voting power to secure their election. In such cases as these where help is urgently required it is proposed to afford it by either wholly or partially boarding, clothing, and educating them under proper supervision.

It is also proposed to assist those of our Warwickshire children who may be in need of assistance when they leave School, that assistance to be of such a nature as the circumstances of the child may require and the state of the Fund permit. These are some of the more prominent reasons why it is considered that the formation of such a Fund as the one suggested should be commenced, and it is earnestly hoped that every Brother in the Province, either by a donation, or annual subscription, or both, will accord it his hearty support.

1.—"That while agreeing with the objects contemplated by Lord Rosslyn's proposition to establish a Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, this meeting deems it inexpedient that a separate organisation should be formed to carry out the objects specified, and adheres to the resolution passed at a meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Warwick, 17th January 1880," as follows:—

"That whilst fully approving of the principles of the scheme advocated by Lord Rosslyn, the Freemasons of this Province would be reluctant to see a Fourth Masonic Charity established for this purpose in England, believing that the machinery for carrying on such a Charity is unnecessary, and would be exceedingly expensive. The brethren fear that should the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund be established, it would be the cause of reducing the amount at present subscribed annually to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the brethren pledge themselves to continue, and, if necessary, to increase their present contributions to those Charities upon the condition that the Managing Committees of those Schools shall undertake to provide temporary assistance, by Scholarships or otherwise, to those pupils who shall require such assistance upon their leaving the Schools, from the funds which shall be at their disposal."

2.—"That it is desirable to establish a Masonic Benevolent and Pupil's Assistance Fund for the Province of Warwickshire having the following objects:—

(a) The boarding, clothing, and educating, wholly or partially,

the children of deceased brethren, and the children of brethren, who from misfortune are prevented from properly educating or providing for their children.

(b) Assisting the advancement of any such child on leaving school.

(c) The granting of annuities to aged or decayed Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons.

3.—"That the formation of a fund for the relief of necessitous Warwickshire pupils on their leaving the Masonic Boys' and Girls' Schools having been resolved upon, all communications with reference to such pupils shall be made direct to the respective Committees of those Schools."

MASONIC CHARITY TO THE OUTER WORLD.

At a meeting we lately had the pleasure of attending, and at which a few non-Masons were present, one of the number, in replying to the toast of his health, said that he had often felt a desire to join the ranks of Freemasonry, but his other duties took up so much of his time, he had not so far sought admission. He respected Freemasonry and the gentlemen who ranged under its banner, for he considered it was doing a great and noble work in the civilisation of mankind. As for its charitable aspect, he felt no words could sufficiently express his thoughts. He had in the course of his life taken part in several charitable undertakings, and it was while doing so he had learned to what lengths the benevolence of the Craft extended. Whether the applicant for the time being was a Mason or not seemed to matter very little; he usually found that the men who were doing the most to relieve distress were Freemasons, and their influence could usually be traced in all the charitable institutions he had been connected with. These remarks from an outsider cannot but be looked upon as flattering to the Craft, and it behoves us to act so as to merit the good character which he and many others have from time to time given us. If we turn to the opposite side of London to that in which the above remarks were made, we find the same praise equally applicable. The Tower Hamlets Philanthropic Society is managed and carried on by gentlemen, most of whom are well known as members of the mystic tie, and from a cursory glance at the list of donors and subscribers, we think they must make good use of their Masonic friendship to secure funds to relieve the distress brought under their notice. At the meeting of the Society, held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Mercer's Arms, Jubilee-street, Mile End, the chair was occupied by Bro. J. Simkins, and the vice-chair by Bro. C. C. Taylor. On that occasion seventeen deserving cases were relieved to the extent of a weekly pension of 2s 6d each during the winter months; while several other cases requiring special relief were provided for, as the funds would allow. Later on a vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. J. Taylor, and seconded by the vice-Chairman, to Bro. G. H. Stephens, who has in the past acted as Hon. Sec.; and on the solicitation of those assembled, Bro. Stephens consented to act in the same capacity during the present winter session. We hope that he will be able to show a result in the future as praiseworthy as hitherto, but this can only be done by the hearty co-operation of those friends who have supported the Society in the past, or who are desirous of relieving a part of the distress so prevalent among the poor at this time of the year. The Society is doing a large amount of good, and as it depends mainly upon voluntary donations, we feel justified in making an appeal on its behalf. Any subscriptions sent to Bro. G. H. Stephens, 17 Waldon-street, Stepney, E., will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

LONDON COTTAGE MISSION.—Winter has brought again its mournful tale of suffering and destitution, and only those who know what it is to have the cupboard bare, the grate empty, and the rooms scantily furnished, can realise the sorrow and bitterness of those in such a position. On Wednesday a gathering of such individuals—children barely clad—gathered for the first time this winter outside the London Cottage Mission Hall, Conder-street, Limehouse, to enjoy, to their heart's content, a rich Irish stew dinner. There were between three and four hundred children and aged poor, many of whom had not touched meat for several weeks. Though pitiable the sight, still it was a grand one to witness suffering humanity rejoicing in this feast. The Mission has carried on this noble work for the last two winters, and are able to show a return of many thousands fed. These dinners will be given weekly as long as funds will permit, and we feel sure that the rich, who are the recipients of many blessings through a kind Providence, will show to the fullest extent their sympathy by contributing to the funds, and not allow so good a Charity to flag for want of money, which may be sent to Miss F. Napton, 304 Burdett-road, Limehouse, E.; or to Mr. Walter Austin, 44 Finsbury Pavement, E.C.

H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD AND THE ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 370.

WE understand that H.R.H. Prince Leopold P.G.J.W. has consented to become an honorary member of the St. George's Lodge, No. 370, Chertsey, Surrey, and that at a special meeting thereof, held on Saturday, the 11th inst., the brethren unanimously elected H.R.H. to that position.

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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, 18th DECEMBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Piccadilly, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Siani Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.

MONDAY, 20th DECEMBER.

- 1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
190—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1603—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, at 8 (In.)
1633—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)

- 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthberta, Masonic Hall, Wimbome
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockpor
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congressbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury at 8 (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 492—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyre

TUESDAY, 21st DECEMBER.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
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.)
830—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd DECEMBER.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
223—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
539—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.15 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
731—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)

- 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1248—Finsbury Park, Alwyno Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

- 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
271—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1264—Noptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull. (Instruction.)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 23rd DECEMBER.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.45 (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, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)

- 48—Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebdon Bridge
R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
R.A. 1036—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
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. (Instruction.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyno Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 680—Selton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

WE think no better exemplification of the well-known quotation, "Welcome the coming, speed the parting guest," can be found than exists at the banquet of a Masonic Lodge on the night of election of Worshipful Master. Then it is we really have two rulers, or two brethren, who seem to share between them the good wishes of those present—the Master who that night presides for the last time in his chair of office, and the brother who, having secured the votes of his fellows, is looked upon as the coming ruler. It is hard to know to whom to accord the most enthusiasm; and were it not that we as Masons can and do show our appreciation in more tangible form than mere good wishes, it would often be a heavy task to adequately thank a W.M. for what he has done in the past, and accord a welcome sufficiently enthusiastic to the W.M. of the future. Such was the case at the last meeting of the Domatic Lodge, which was held at Anderton's Hotel, on Friday, 10th inst. Every one present appeared in the best of humour, and if one or two hard things were said, we hope they were looked upon, as they were evidently intended, more by way of joke than criticism. As is usual, the Lodge was opened at an early hour, and the business of the day was speedily transacted. This comprised the election of Worshipful Master, Treasurer, Tyler, and Audit Committee—four raisings, one passing, and two initiations—no light evening's task for a Brother on the occasion of the closing of a year's Mastership. The brethren present to support the Worshipful Master—Bro. H. N. Bowman Spink—were W. Harris Senior Warden, J. McLean Junior Warden, G. Everett P.M. Treasurer, T. Morris Secretary, W. Herbage S.D., R. Pierpont D. of C., E. White I.P.M., W. J. Ferguson P.M., Isaac Buscall P.M., W. F. Smith P.M., and the following Visitors:—Bros.

H. E. Price 1744, J. Lewis W.M. 1261, S. Wilkinson 1782, J. Long P.M. 733, J. Wardley 1381, H. A. Robertson 1381, T. Brooks 754, T. McPherson 1772, W. Williams 90, E. S. Lintott 1687, C. Evans 860, J. Dallison 1641, W. G. Weber 1760, C. H. Abrams 511, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, &c. At the conclusion of the business the brethren partook of banquet in the "crypt" of the hotel, which, although well served, did not reach the standard of excellence usually attained by Brothers Clemow. The cloth being cleared, the W.M. proposed the regular Loyal toasts. Bro. White the I.P.M. gave that of the W.M. It was a pleasing duty, one which he felt, on the present occasion, deserved greater ability than he possessed, as in all probability that was the last time he should have an opportunity of proposing the toast. The W.M. had conducted his duties well, and Bro. White felt that it would not only be a source of regret to Bro. Spink, but also to every member of the Lodge, when he left the chair. He hoped that every Master of the Domatic Lodge would be as capable of upholding the dignity of the chair as Bro. Spink. In acknowledgment, the W.M. tendered his thanks: very frequently it was not till a man's decease that the world at large were made acquainted with the bright side of his character, and often then in the obituary notice which appeared in the daily Press all was eulogy, as it was customary to point out all the good deeds, and gloss over any mistakes that had been committed. He felt very much in the same position; the present was really the time of his decease as W.M., and the I.P.M. in proposing his health had said so many kind things, that he almost felt he (Bro. White) must have had that fact in his mind. During the past year he had endeavoured to do the work thoroughly; what he had lacked in knowledge and ability, he had endeavoured to make up for in industry and a desire to advance the interests of the Lodge. It was eight years since he had been initiated in the Lodge, and on that occasion, when he occupied the position on the right of the chair, he little thought how soon he should fill the office of W.M., or that he should do so with so much satisfaction to the brethren of the Lodge. He asked the members in all sincerity to extend to his successor the same honour they had extended to him, and should he make any mistakes, he hoped they would be overlooked with the same kindly feeling as had been the case during the past year. He next proposed the health of the W.M. elect. They must all hail with gladness the fact that that brother had been unanimously elected to the office. He thought it well that at all times the vote should be so, and thus the outer world might see that even in so important a matter as the election of a Master there was but one feeling in a Masonic Lodge. He remembered how twelve months since the then W.M., in proposing this toast, had referred to the large number in the Domatic Lodge, and had said that no Master could hope to preside over the Lodge successfully, or secure order among the brethren unless he was beloved by the members. He could not do better than repeat that sentiment, and conclude by hoping that the W.M. elect might receive as great kindness and assistance during his term of office, as had been accorded to himself during the year now completed. The W.M. elect expressed his sincere thanks to the brethren for having elected him to fill the chair of the Lodge. He felt he had the best wishes of the whole of the members, as evidenced by the unanimous way in which they had elected him to the office. He hoped when he left the chair, the brethren would be able to feel they had not done wrong in appointing him. It would be his endeavour to do all that might be required of him, and he could only hope that at the corresponding time next year he might be able to command the respect and regard of the brethren, and that they would be able to say, "Well done," to him at the conclusion of his term of office. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Initiates—Henrick Brustad and Nathan Salmon—both of whom expressed their thanks to the brethren. The Visitors was the next toast, and to this Bros. Lewis, Long, Wilkinson, Morgan, and others responded. Certain of the visitors took advantage of the privilege thus afforded them of making remarks which we deem uncalled for. A visitor is quite justified in giving his opinion, and we should be the last to place any restrictions which would tend to lessen the expression of really Masonic sentiment; but when a brother—an old Past Master—refers to events which occurred many years since, and which not being of a very creditable nature it was hoped had been forgotten, we think he exceeded his privilege, and should at once have been called to order. We trust that the brother to whom we refer will not again have the bad taste to insult his hosts in a like manner. Another, a young Visitor from the Midland Counties, who although a Master Mason has, we think, hardly mastered the first principles of Freemasonry, took upon himself to point out what was right and what was wrong. We feel assured that our Brother, when he has seen a little more of the inner working of Freemasonry, will find that it is better to make suggestions rather than lay down the law, especially in the case of an old Lodge like the Domatic, whose members naturally look upon their own Past Masters and old members as being as capable of defining right from wrong as a Mason of a few months' standing. To the toast of the P.M.'s Bros. White, Ferguson, and Buscall replied, they, in their turn, returning the fire which had been showered on the Lodge by the Visitors. In proposing the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, the W.M. referred to the re-election of Bro. Everett to the former office, considering that was sufficient to show the satisfaction he had given in the past. As to Bro. Morris, the Secretary, the brethren were one and all in a position to judge of the way in which the duties of that office were carried out, and he (the W.M.) could testify from personal observation to the great amount of work they entailed. Each of these brethren acknowledged the toast, which was followed by that of the Officers, given from the chair. As we have already stated, this meeting was one of the merriest we remember having attended, the remarks made by the visitors, which were taken in good part, being made the signal for an all-round chaff, in which every speaker in turn indulged. After the conclusion of the banquet, a few of the company spent an extra hour under the presidency of Bro. George Everett, and when at last it

became necessary to part, it was with a sincere desire for as pleasant a gathering in January next.

AIRE AND CALDER LODGE, GOOLE, No. 458.

ON Friday, the 10th inst., the members of this Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John, Bro. W. Gardner S.W. being installed Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year, by Bro. P.M. Slack, St. Oswald's, Pontefract. The Officers at the same time invested were—Bros. Major Best S.W., E. Gooderidge J.W., H. Wilson Sec., Wright P.M. Treas., East P.M. Master of Ceremonies, Tudor S.D., W. Brook J.D., W. Everatt I.G., Handley Tyler. Bro. P.M. Ware was unanimously re-elected Charity Member. The Deputy Prov. G. Master of W. Yorkshire (Bro. W. Tew, J.P.) and several local Visiting brethren were present. The annual banquet was subsequently held at the Sidney Hotel.

CAREW LODGE, No. 1136.

THE annual meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Torpoint, on Wednesday, 15th inst., when Bro. W. G. Spear was installed as the W. Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by W. Bro. George Castle, the retiring Master, assisted by W. Bro. E. Poor P.M. P.P.G.P. There was a large attendance of Past Masters, amongst whom were W. Bros. Thomas Heath, H. Cochrane P.P.G.D., George Darke, E. Murch P.P.G.O. 202, W. D. Thomas 159, E. Aitkin Davies P.P.G.S. Wks., T. Gibbons 1105, R. Truscott, T. Rusholme, J. B. Gover P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. On the completion of the ceremony, the Officers were appointed as follow:—Brothers George Cassell I.P.M., H. Stephens Senior Warden, W. J. Barratt Junior Warden, E. Poor Treas., J. W. Collins Sec., A. W. White Assist. Sec., C. Haggarty S.D., A. Debnam J.D., J. Pearce I.G., A. K. Collins D.C., W. Herbert Org., J. Jewell, F. Gillard, S. Hosking Stewards, W. Martin Tyler. The Treasurer's account showed a good balance, and it is satisfactory to know that the handsome building, which was provided for in shares, is fast becoming the property of the Lodge, whilst the number of members is, and has been, increasing, so that the Carew Lodge will soon become one of the largest in Cornwall. The banquet was afterwards held at the Royal Hotel, Devonport, and the catering of Bro. Parker afforded great satisfaction to the fifty brethren who had the pleasure of being present. The usual toasts were duly honoured, and the proceedings enlivened with good singing and appropriate recitations.

EBRINGTON LODGE, No. 1247.

THE annual meeting of the above Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Ebrington Masonic Temple, Hobart-street, Stonehouse, when Wor. Bro. J. H. Stephens P.M. (previously elected) was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by Worshipful Brother Richard Lose P.M. P.P.G.P., the retiring W.M., and one of the founders of the Lodge. At the conclusion of the ceremony the following Officers were appointed and invested:—Wor. Bros. R. Lose I.P.M., H. Macmillan S.W., C. A. Nicholson J.W., S. Jew Treas., R. Lose Sec., R. Lose jun. S.D., I. Masters J.D., T. Y. Teague D.C., James Lose I.G., R. Hurrell O., I. Morris S.S., H. R. Farr J.S., J. Bartlett T. W. Bro. A. Lethbridge was elected the representative on the Committee of Petitions of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon. The Treasurer's accounts were audited, and a very satisfactory balance was found in favour of the Lodge, whereupon the thanks of the Lodge were unanimously given to Wor. Bro. S. Jew for his valuable services, which had resulted so well. The annual dinner is arranged to take place in the Refectory of the Ebrington Temple, on Tuesday, 4th January.

Borough Lodge, No. 424.—At the next meeting of this Lodge, to be held on Monday, the 20th inst., at the regular quarters, Half Moon-lane, Gateshead, the date of inaugurating the new Lodge room will be considered and determined upon. We understand that the room when furnished will be one of the most comfortable in the North of England. The Lodge room and ante-rooms have been prepared in a most handsome manner by Bro. Thomas Pearson.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 14th December. Present—Bros. Brown P.M. 65 W.M., Chicken S.W., Roberts J.W., Biddle P.M. S.D., Clements J.D., Haynes I.G., Moss Preceptor, Hollands P.M. Secretary, Daniel P.M. 65, Walker, Schweitzer, Hosegood, Bond, Caton, Shadler, Hamilton, Bash P.M., Harris, Chichester, and Tarrant. The ceremony of installation was very ably worked by Bro. Brown P.M. 65. Bro. Biddle P.M., who acted as the Master installed, was pleased to invest the following brethren:—Hollands I.P.M., Chicken S.W., Roberts J.W., Walker S.D., Clements J.D., Haynes I.G. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Brown for the above services. Bro. Biddle rehearsed the ceremony of the second degree, Bro. Shadler candidate. Bro. Chicken was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. Bro. Brown mentioned that the sum of £128 had been collected by him in the short period during which the Charity Association connected with this Lodge of Instruction had been established.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 14th December, at the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement. Present—Bros. Medwin W.M., Kerr S.W., Pitt J.W., J. L. Mather Preceptor, C. G. Sparrow Secretary, Hepburn S.D. Batty I.G., and several others. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Redding candidate. Lodge opened in the second degree, and then the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Shipley candidate. Bro. Fountain was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was closed and adjourned until the first Tuesday in January.

MARQUIS OF GRANBY LODGE, No. 124.

THE Annual Banquet of St. John the Evangelist, in connection with this Lodge, was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Durham, under peculiarly gratifying and auspicious circumstances. Seventy-two members sat down to dinner, being the largest gathering that has taken place on any similar occasion in the city of Durham since the Lodge was established—one hundred and seventeen years ago. Bro. T. Bell (Her Majesty's Inspector of Mines) the W.M. presided, supported on his right by the Wor. Bro. W. L. Robertson (Mayor of Durham); Bros. W. Brignal P.P.G.R., Blackett D.C., Lawrence P.P.D., Dr. Linton P.M., W. F. Hall, &c.; and on the left by Bros. Sam. Holdsworth I.P.M., Johnson P.P.G.S.B., Fenny P.M., and Ground P.M. The W.M. of the Earl Durham Lodge, the W.M. of the Wear Valley Lodge, the W.M. of the Deloraine Lodge, Northumberland, and Bros. W. Hawksley, Herbert Robson, Logan, Bowsfield, and Thompson P.S.W., Barnsley, &c., were also present. The following officers took their respective places, viz., Bros. W. Coxon (Master Elect) as S.W., G. G. Forster as J.W., S. Wilson (Darlington) S.D., G. Oldham J.D., James Fowler Treasurer, R. Laverick I.G., Andrew Carr Hon. Sec., and John Carter Tyler. The banquet was well served up by Bro. Iveson, of the Hat and Feather Hotel, of this city, and gave great satisfaction, both as to the manner in which the dinner was put on the table and the service connected with it. The wines, which were also supplied by Bro. Iveson, were of a very superior quality. Before the cloth was removed the usual loving cup, being the silver one presented by Lord Crewe (Bishop of Durham) to the Durham Corporation was passed round, after which *Non nobis, Domine* was sung by way of grace by Bros. Walker, Leatham, Welsh and Goodhead, of the Cathedral choir, in first-class style. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given with considerable efficiency by the W.M. During the course of the W.M.'s observations, he referred to the progress of Masonry in the city of Durham, and more particularly to the rapid accession of high-class members who had been admitted during his presidency, they numbering no less than twenty-seven initiations and twelve joining members; and he might say that this eminently satisfactory state of things was unprecedented in the history of the Lodge. In further alluding to the events of the year, he took the opportunity of paying a high tribute of respect, which, he said, the brethren entertained, to the late Worthy and Worshipful Prov. G.M. Bro. John Fawcett, who had so long and faithfully served the Masonic Craft in this county. The W.M. also remarked that he was glad His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England had in his wisdom thought proper to appoint a most popular successor to Bro. Fawcett in the person of the Most Hon. the Marquis Londonderry, who he had no doubt would prove a worthy successor, especially if he might judge from what was said at his recent installation concerning him. During the evening, the musical gentlemen rendered quintettes, songs, glees, and duets in their well-known efficient manner. After what we have already said, it is scarcely necessary to state that it will be an easy task for our readers to imagine that the evening was spent in that love and harmony which are so peculiarly characteristic of the brethren of the mystic tie.

THE POLISH NATIONAL LODGE.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 9th inst.; Bro. Dr. Victor Jagielski W.M. presided. There were present—Bros. Dr. Corrie Jackson S.W., Lancaster J.W., Smith S.D., Riintz J.D., Buling I.G., Bryant D.C., Paas Sec., Nowakowski Treas. Past Masters—Bros. Aspinall (Immediate), Cumming and Ebner. Visitors—Bros. Lowson, Potts, Tees, Corble, Chigwell, Baldwin, Hervey, Gielguel, Dr. Mordant Sigismund, and a large muster of brethren. There was little business. A motion was introduced by Bro. Bryant to alter the Bye-laws in reference to members of Polish nationality, and the jewel presented to members. Considerable discussion took place, but nothing definite was decided on. A desultory discussion then occupied many of the brethren as to the advisability of electing a former Brother Preceptor as honorary member; that likewise came to grief. It was with a considerable amount of relief that the brethren were called upon to assist in closing Lodge, and the adjournment to the banquetting hall tended to soothe the somewhat turbulent element, aggravated by an unusually long sitting and empty stomachs. Hunger and thirst once assuaged, matters took their ordinary and placid course. The W.M. proposed the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were drunk most heartily. The I.P.M., Bro. Aspinall, then took possession of the gavel, and in a few felicitous words proposed the health of the W.M., of whom, he said, the Lodge had reason to be proud. Dr. Jagielski, in returning thanks, impressed upon the brethren in a very forcible manner the fact that not only are the duties of the chair onerous, but that a W.M.'s personal feelings in whatever concerns the Lodge are subservient to the wishes of the brethren—in fact, he completely loses his own identity in being, as it were, not only the servant, but the expounder of the desires of the Lodge over which he presides. In eloquent terms he went on to assure the brethren that his duty to the Lodge was uppermost in his mind, and while he wielded the gavel his only solicitude would be the welfare of that Lodge which he loved so well. The health of the P.M.'s was then drunk, and replied to by Bros. Aspinall, Cumming, Nowakowski, and Ebner. The other toasts included that of the Visitors, and was suitably acknowledged by Bros. Lowson, Corble, Baldwin, and Sigismund. Bro. Dr. Sigismund, after thanking the W.M. for the kind reception he had that evening received, said, When the Initiate first sees the light of Masonry he is told that the Order stands aloof from politics as well as creeds; I am therefore not privileged to touch upon either one or the other. I cannot, however, refrain from remarking that the jewel with which so many of the brethren are decorated has a peculiar signification. It represents a bird, white in colour, emblematic of

its purity; a bird that has a grand yet sad history; a bird which once upon a time spread its wings and took flight to foreign parts, carrying civilization wherever it went, being the harbinger of peace, and bringing succour to those who stood in need of her aid; a bird which not only fought most valiantly in its own territory, but whose white crest might have been seen crowning the banners under the walls of Vienna, when a barbarous foe threatened to annihilate that beautiful city; a bird which, centuries afterwards, fought heroically under the walls of Leipsic—it was the bird of Sobieski and Kuszkowski, of whom might with truth be said, *non sibi, sed patrie*, not for themselves but for their country did they live; a bird that had seen many a hard-fought battle, always magnanimous in victory, and glorious in defeat, until it met with a most terrible foe; although one of its own kind, it was a most unnatural, monster-like formation; a bird with two heads. In the long and sanguinary struggle which then ensued, the bird I allude to found considerable difficulty in coping with the terrible monster; its allies and friends then gradually deserted it, and finally betrayed it. After a long and unequal struggle, it succumbed. No sooner did the spectators—members of the animal kingdom—see the noble and brave bird lying in the throes of death, stretched before them faint and bleeding, its wings broken and its talons torn from it—in fact, all but lifeless—when, with true bestial ferocity, they fell upon it in order to devour it, each claiming a share of the prey. The double-headed monster—black in colour, a sign of evil omen—firmly clutched our poor bird in its grip, taking the lion's share, and defying with threatening attitude any and every feeble attempt that might be made by others to extricate its victim. That bird, my brethren, is not dead. To-night I am not only forcibly reminded of its history, but I have the conviction that, although weak and helpless, in a state of coma, its physical powers paralysed, it is not dead. There is a great affinity between that bird and two others—one a proud, the other a powerful one. We Masons are well aware that before the Great Architect of the Universe we are all equal: it is the fundamental principle of our Order. That bird may not always have been imbued with that Masonic attribute; it did not always mete out freedom and equity to its children; might it not thus have transgressed and received its punishment? but oh, what a punishment! far beyond the crime. But the Most High is merciful, and will, in His own appointed time, forgive that transgression. The time will yet come when the two other birds of its kind will bid it rise from its lethargic sleep and follow their own example; her sister in the far West will not forget how bravely, how valiantly some of her exiled children strove to add their mite to the great and unsuccessful struggle for independence. Only recently I was very nearly feeling the talons of that terrible bird. I travelled in the country over which it sways and; but for the bird under whose wings I stand it might have fared hard with me. The fearful monster could not stand the clear and steady gaze of that proud and defiant bird, surrounded by a halo of stars; its wings widely spread, a refuge for the oppressed—it cowed before it. Our white bird—a representative of which adorns your breasts—will yet live to see the day when its unnatural foe, gorged with prey of a multitudinous kind, will turn its beaks towards each other and rend itself asunder. Some excellent songs were given by two of the brethren, and with the Tyler's toast the evening came to a close.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday evening, 11th December, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bros. T. Hamer W.M., C. Taylor S.W., Freeman P.M. (J.W. pro tem), N. B. Haddon P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Blackie P.M. Secretary; P.M.'s Stevens, Seex, Stanway, and the following Visitors:—Bros. Venables 1432, J. Block 1423, Shearing 223, H. Hollis 167, Postans 167, T. Poore P.M. 720, J. Hollington W.M. 933, G. A. Low W.M. 1670, J. Glaning P.M. 167, &c. There was also a tolerably numerous attendance of members. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Matthews was questioned as to his proficiency in the science. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and he was most ably raised to the degree of M.M., the W.M. most ably acquitting himself in the performance of this important ceremony. Bro. Blackie I.P.M. and Secretary afterwards gave the traditional history of the degree, and an explanation of the working tools. The Lodge was then closed to the first degree, when some business connected with the general arrangements of the installation meeting were discussed, and the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren and visitors then adjourned for refreshment, and at the conclusion of the repast the W.M. said he had great pleasure in asking the brethren to join with him in drinking what was always the first toast amongst Freemasons, and, indeed, in all assemblies of Englishmen; it was the health of Her Majesty the Queen, who had sat for many years on the throne of these realms, and whose name was dear to all Englishmen. In giving her health he coupled with it the Craft, which was cordially responded to. The W.M. then, in a manner which commended itself to all, gave in one toast the health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present. In asking the brethren to join him in drinking this toast, he said it was a most comprehensive one, and it did not require many words from him to ensure for it a hearty reception. It was at all times the desire of the Grand Officers to have the confidence of the brethren, and although they were looked upon with a jealous eye, he believed that their position, as the elite of the Craft, had always been fully maintained. The toast was heartily responded to. Bro. Blackie I.P.M. said the brethren would be aware what was his object in rising to address them; it was to propose the health of the W.M. He had at the last Lodge gone fully into the merits of their W.M., but the manner in which he had gone through the third degree that evening must have been a gratifying surprise to them, as it was the first

opportunity of his having to perform it. He had been called to the chair earlier than he expected, and thus it would be a lesson to those who expected to follow him to be prepared and ready at any time to go on with their work. They had here a brother who was well known to them; he was first who had come to the chair who had been initiated in The Great City Lodge, and he asked them all to cordially drink his health with the usual "fire." The W.M. in acknowledging the toast, said that when he was appointed to the chair it was his earnest endeavour not to reflect any disgrace upon the Lodge by that appointment, but he did not expect to come up to the same standard as those he had the honour of following. He might say, however, that he felt delighted in occupying his exalted position, and daring his year of office he would do his utmost to go through the duties in as perfect a manner as he was able, and he hoped that his working in the Lodge would please them all. He would not detain them further except to express to Bro. Blackie his gratitude for the kind way in which he had spoken of him, and to the brethren, for the very complimentary manner in which they had received the toast. Bro. J. Stevens gave a recitation—"Mason's Vows"—which was well delivered, and rewarded with deserved applause. The Wor. Master next gave the Visitors, and remarked that The Great City Lodge was always proud to receive them. Having enumerated them, he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Middleton, formerly a member of the Lodge, who returned thanks, as did several of the other visitors. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was that of the Past Masters of the Lodge, of whom they had a good array present, which was a proof that they had not worked only for the purpose of filling the chair, but after they had passed it, attending there to perform any duties that might be required of them. He had no desire by any observation of his to make any one of them jealous, but he must say that Bro. Blackie had at all times stood by and devoted a great deal of his time to him; for which he was very grateful. Bro. Blackie said the Past Masters wished to return their warmest thanks for drinking their health; this was a toast that was always well received in the Lodge, for which they could not be too grateful. The other Past Masters severally returned thanks. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was then given, which they responded to, and the Tyler's toast brought a very harmonious meeting to a close. We ought not omit noticing that several songs were sung in the course of the evening, and a recitation by Bro. Moggison, written by Edgar Poe, was greatly admired, and equally so was one by Bro. T. Poore from the Ingoldsby Legends—"The Jackdaw of Rheims."

DE LA POLE LODGE, No. 1604, HULL.

THE regular meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held on Friday, the 10th instant, at the Masonic Rooms, 58 Charlotte-street. Bros. T. R. Nicholas W.M., C. H. Wright S.W., William Gillett J.W., J. R. Ansdell I.P.M., H. Preston P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer and Chaplain, R. Boggett P.M. P.G.S.B. Hon. Sec. and Lecture Master, P. C. Whitfield Assist. Sec., G. O. Howarth S.D., G. W. Smith J.D., C. W. Cheesman P.M. P.P.G.O., T. B. Mather D.C., J. Shields I.G., Henry Drewery Steward; Bros. T. Seward, W. F. Chapman, R. Gillett, R. W. Cooper, J. Robinson, H. Hertz, H. Koser, G. O. Landale, B. Pitch, &c. Visitors—R.W. Bro. J. P. Bell, M.D., J.P., Past Grand Deacon of England and Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Sturton W.M. 250, E. Batchin I.P.M. 250, and J. White 253. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last regular meeting were confirmed. Afterwards a successful ballot was taken for two gentlemen as candidates for Freemasonry. Mr. G. L. Whiting was regularly initiated. The Lodge was opened on the square, when Bro. W. A. Bennett was passed. The Lodge was then lowered, when Bro. C. Cheesman P.M. P.P.G.O., on behalf of the members of the Lodge, presented Bro. J. R. Ansdell I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the services he had rendered to the Lodge. Bro. Ansdell thanked the brethren from his heart for their handsome gift, and assured the members it would be for ever prized by him, and would be an incentive for him to do more if possible in the future. The D.P.G.M. then brought the Festival of the Boys' School before the Lodge, and hoped the members would do their utmost to make it a success. Bro. H. Preston P.M. volunteered to attend as Steward, and subsequently Bro. R. Boggett P.M., the Lodge Charity Steward, made an earnest appeal on behalf of Bro. Preston's list, when upwards of twenty guineas was subscribed. Several candidates were then proposed, and hearty good wishes expressed. The Lodge closed in due form and with solemn prayer.

Albion Lodge, No. 9.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present:—Bros. James Forbes W.M., F. Chifferiel S.W., E. D. Willy J.W., J. A. Abott P.M. Secretary, T. Moring P.M. Treasurer, A. Endean S.D., S. N. Thompson J.D., W. Willy P.M. D.C., R. Elliott I.G., J. Rawles Tyler; Past Masters Bros. S. Vallentine, W. R. Marsh, W. T. Scott, H. S. Friend, L. W. Harvey. Visitors—Bros. J. B. Lambe W.M. Prudent Brethren 145, and S. Holroyd Union Lodge 310. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Price, having given satisfactory replies to the usual questions, was raised. It was proposed and carried that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. J. Forbes W.M. for the able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the office of W.M. during the year. A ballot was taken for W.M. for the ensuing year, and was unanimously in favour of Bro. F. Chifferiel S.W. Bros. T. Moring P.M. and J. Rawles were re-elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively. Bro. Vallentine was elected Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund. It was arranged that the Audit Committee meet on the 16th inst., at Freemasons' Hall.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on Monday, 6th December. Bro. Aspinall P.M. presided, supported by Bros. W. H. Myers P.M. Preceptor, Partridge S.W., Goddard J.W., also Bros. McDonald, Loring, Green P.M., Robson, Smith, Franckel, Edwin, Seymour-Clarke, &c. After the usual formalities, the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M. The first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. McDonald, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Franckel J.W. of "Royal Alfred" and Edwin of "Lebanon" Lodges, were elected members. A vote of thanks was given to Bro. J. Aspinall P.M. for the efficient manner in which he had filled the chair, for the first time in this Lodge. Lodge was then closed in due form.

On Monday, 13th December, Bro. H. Seymour-Clarke presided, supported by Bros. W. H. Myers P.M. Preceptor, Goddard S.W., Robson J.W., McDonald, Macgregor, Windsor, Loring, Gabriel, and others. After preliminaries, Bro. Macgregor was questioned and entrusted, and afterwards passed to the F.C. degree. Bro. McDonald then worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being closed in the second degree, Bro. T. C. Goddard S.W. was elected W.M. for Monday, 20th inst., when the third ceremony will be worked; an early and good attendance is requested. Members are reminded that the Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on the fourth Monday in January next by one of the most able exponents of Masonic ritual.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on the 2nd inst. Bros. F. Botley W.M., J. Green S.W., E. C. Botley J.W., J. J. Clarke J.D., Johnson I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, J. Wells Secretary, C. Andrews P.M. S.D., H. Stephens, H. Mitchell, E. Gellowski, and E. C. Porter. After preliminaries, Bro. H. Mitchell volunteered as candidate, and the ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed to first degree. The Lodge was called off, and on resuming labour Bro. C. Andrews P.M. worked the fifth section of the first lecture. The Officers of the mother Lodge occupied their respective places in this Lodge of Instruction on Thursday, 9th December, that being the meeting preceding the meeting of Lodge No. 1612. Bro. J. Green was unanimously elected W.M. for Thursday, 16th Dec. The Lodge was closed in due form.

West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1632.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, on Monday, 13th December, when the following brethren were present:—Bros. Lardner, Pennefather, Van Raalte, Lawrence, King, Greenwood, Clark, J. Smith, Robbins, Pidgeon, Cohen, H. Forss, T. Butt, Pettit, Rose, McButt, W. Kelly, Milton, McKay, Keeble, E. A. Smith, Brickdale, and Goodenough. The Lodge was opened in due form at seven p.m. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the auditors' report received. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Bro. Malthouse was expected to preside at the table, but unforeseen circumstances prevented him being present; in his absence Bro. Lardner was called to the chair. The brethren having partaken of a sumptuous repast, the usual Masonic toasts were given. Bro. H. Lardner then rose and said:—Brethren, the most pleasing duty of the evening now devolves upon me, and should I live another quarter of a century, and during that time preside over many such meetings, I do not think I shall ever be called upon to perform a more pleasing task. You are all aware that during a period of four years Bro. Pennefather has, with unflagging zeal, come regularly to impart to us that Masonic instruction all energetic brethren are so desirous to obtain, and as a mark of our esteem for his general kindness and affability to all, I have much pleasure in presenting to him this beautiful gold watch, which I trust he will long live to wear. Bro. Pennefather briefly and feelingly acknowledged the compliment paid him, and said he should continue to attend the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction as long as the G.A.O.T.U. spared him health and strength. The vocal abilities of Bros. Rose, King, McButt, Smith, and Pennefather were brought into requisition; Bro. Greenwood accompanied on the piano-forte, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by a well-deserved compliment to Bro. T. Butt for the good things he had supplied, and the manner in which they had been served up. Bro. Butt, in a feeling manner, acknowledged the thanks accorded him, and said it would be the last time he should have the pleasure of catering for them.

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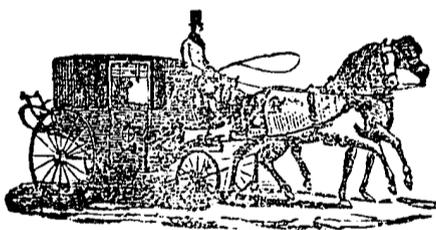
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