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THE LATE PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

OUR readers will, no doubt, have seen in our last week's issue the letter from our Rev. Brother C. J. Martyn, Honorary Treasurer, and Bro. Dick Radclyffe, Honorary Secretary, of the late Pupils' Assistance Fund, in which those brethren announce the distribution of the moneys contributed to that Fund, and the final disposition of the balance remaining unclaimed in the hands of the former. The announcement, in itself very simple, was merely to the effect that the said balance, amounting to £143 5s 1d, had been paid to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The moneys which had been previously paid over to one or other of our Charities, in accordance with the expressed wishes of the donors, amounted to some—in round figures—£35, so that it takes a very little arithmetic to show that the late Pupils' Assistance Fund has been the means of placing in the coffers of our Institutions moneys which amount in the aggregate to close on £180.

It will be remembered that a few months ago it became our duty to announce that this Assistance Fund, which had been ushered into the world under such brilliant auspices, was closed, and that the Executive, viz., the Hon Treasurer and Secretary, would only wait the pleasure of the subscribers in order to return, or appropriate as they might desire, the amounts of their several subscriptions. This has now been done, and the fund, therefore, is at length defunct, after benefiting our Institutions, as we have said, to the extent of about £180. Thus an opportunity presents itself for offering a few remarks on what was admitted by very many brethren to be a "good plan, a very good plan," and has certainly been the means of doing some amount of good for our Charities, as well as of extending the benefits conferred by our Schools on meritorious pupils who are leaving. We need not trouble ourselves to repeat the history of the project, how it, or rather the idea, was originated by the Earl of Rosslyn, a Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland; how from being only an idea, it speedily assumed a tangible form and substance, in the shape of an honorary committee and executive, with a strong body of distinguished brethren as patrons, and a large amount of support promised; and how at length, owing to the strength of the opposition it encountered, or it may be its own inherent weakness, it was finally abandoned. These are matters of history with which our readers are, or should be, acquainted. Nor need we dwell long on the fact that from the very beginning the fund had our support, and that its collapse—into the causes of which we do not desire or pretend to enter—was to us, of course, a disappointment. What we do wish to draw attention to is, the undoubted fact that the scheme for the establishment of a Pupil's Assistance Fund has been after all the means of rendering very important assistance to our retiring pupils—assistance, which—at least to the extent now authorised—it is likely might not for some considerable time to come, perhaps, have been rendered them. In fact, to a certain extent, the wind was taken out of the sails of the promoters of the Fund by the Committees of the two Schools when the latter authorised

the award, in the case of unusually deserving pupils, of assistance to the amount of £40, instead of, as previously, to that of £20. When it became generally known that the Committees of the Schools had themselves doubled the maximum of the grant that was authorised to be made to deserving pupils on leaving, the Masonic public very naturally felt that the object for which the Fund was sought to be established had been achieved to a certain extent, and the principal objection which had been raised to having a fourth Charity was commensurately strengthened. At all events, the good it was able indirectly, instead of directly, to secure for the pupils of our Schools weakened, if did not entirely remove, its claims to the support of the Craft. Thus, during the remainder of its existence, the Assistance Fund gave few, if any, signs of life, and it is now deceased, after having, however, at the very last moment, given a final proof of its usefulness by placing £180 in the treasuries of our three Institutions. Thus a fund, which never had an organization beyond what was honorary, and which, in a certain sense, may be said to have had no being whatever, has done good work notwithstanding for the very people it was designed to serve. Under these circumstances we must not let this last flicker of life die away on the part of the Pupils' Assistance Fund without congratulating those who took the leading part in attempting its promotion on the indirect success of their efforts. Had it not been for them, it is very doubtful if, as we have suggested already, this alteration in the grant to ex-pupils from £20 to £40 would have been made, and it is certain that our Institutions would never have received the £180, the balance of which has just been paid to the Boys' School. For this we must thank the Earl of Rosslyn in the first instance, for having suggested the idea, and Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn for having, in his capacity of Honorary Treasurer, done so much to promote it. Lastly, Bro. Dick Radclyffe deserves his due measure of praise for the services he rendered as Hon. Secretary. It cannot be gainsaid that he worked hard to secure success. He canvassed among the Craftsmen, and consumed no end of midnight oil in endeavouring to set the Fund on its legs. He has his reward in the knowledge of what has been done by the Schools towards the object for which he has laboured so zealously, but not on that account must we withhold the praise he is so fairly entitled to for his zeal and energy to help the orphan boys and girls of those who were once his fellow Craftsmen.

THE SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

THE half yearly election days of the two Masonic Schools are fast approaching, and it behoves all who are interested in one or other of the candidates to strain every nerve during the next few days on behalf of their respective cases if they desire success to attend their efforts. The Girls' School election takes place on Saturday the 8th prox. The ballot paper for that contest bears the names of twenty-four candidates, of whom, however, but fifteen have to be elected. It will thus be seen that a small proportion only of the candidates will have to be turned away; a

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL) COCOA.

state of affairs which must be looked upon as most gratifying to all interested in this particular Institution. Ten of the candidates have taken part in previous contests; one, Edith Brown, now making her seventh application, with but 110 votes to her credit. This is her last chance; her age shutting her out if unsuccessful on this occasion. The three next cases are fourth applications:—Margaret McKinney has 19, Augusta Helen Nicholls 79, and Martha Jane Choules Fry 6 votes, to their credit. The first named is also a last application case. Annie Elizabeth Turner has made two previous attempts, on which occasions 45 votes have been placed to her credit. The next five cases are second applications:—No. 10 Edith Mary Orridge being also a last appeal; she has already secured 1125 votes, so that her chance of success is pretty certain. Of the other four, Constance Faith Wyman has 1025 votes in hand, Lilian Mary S. Shrapnel 492, Nellie Louise Walters 316 and Alice Gertrude Cleaver 173. It is unnecessary for us to give details of the fourteen first application cases, beyond mentioning that No. 22, Jane Mildred Taylor, has but this one chance of securing a place in the School, by reason of the age limit.

The Boys' list unfortunately does not hold out so much hope to the friends of the several candidates as does that of the sister Institution, for here there are no less than sixty five applicants to compete for but twelve vacancies. The election takes place on Monday, the 10th October. Of the sixty-five candidates, seventeen appear now for the first time, seventeen others have made one previous attempt, ten have competed twice, twelve three times, five four times, and four five times; while of the sixty-five, ten have but this chance of securing a place. The number of votes brought forward by the several candidates who have already taken part in previous elections is as usual very varied, ranging from 1311 in the case of Arthur Fellows, No. 1 on the list, to one in the case of both Nos. 17 and 47, while No. 48, who took part in the election of April last, has none yet polled to his credit. As we have pointed out on many previous occasions, these figures are in themselves but a very poor guide as to the amount of support a candidate may rely on, and this becomes every day more noticeable as the Associations for the concentration of voting power extend their operations. A case may be allowed to appear time after time on the ballot paper without any apparent effort being made to assist the friends in the attainment of their desire, and yet all the time the Province or party to which the case is attached may have been working hard, and, at the opportune moment may be able to poll sufficient votes to secure for the child the benefits of the School. In conclusion, we can but express the hope that the most deserving cases will receive the support of the subscribers; but in this, as in many other instances, we think personal influence alone is but of little service; indeed, to such an extent is this now the case, that candidates stand but a very poor chance of securing a place without they have many influential friends to work for them. This state of affairs is doubtless greatly to be regretted, but so long as we are unable to satisfy all the calls made on our Benevolence it will of necessity exist. It has been pointed out on previous occasions, and we think might again be taken into consideration, whether it is not advisable for a time to enforce some more stringent regulations in order to lessen the number of candidates who are passed, and thereby rendered eligible for a place on the ballot papers; and yet this course would but be an evasive way of lessening the roll of distress. If Masons are ashamed of the way the Schools are now obliged to treat a large majority of the candidates, there is fine field open to them to remove the evil by making further efforts to raise the necessary funds. We are aware the requirements of the Institutions are already heavy, but think there are a few fields from which fresh or increased crops might be realised by kindly and energetic working.

"DALCHO'S ORATIONS."

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

SINCE I wrote on "McCosh's Documents," I obtained two kindred works, viz: Mackey's history of Masonry in South Carolina, and Dalcho's *Orations*. From the former I learned that the audacious New York Cerneanites had actually invaded the very Mecca of Supreme Councildom. Cerneau established a "Consistory

of the Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret (32nd degree) in Charleston itself, and in 1823 the Grand Master of South Carolina, as well as a P.G.M., were at the head of the Cerneau Council. For a time the rival Charleston Sublimes merely pelted each other with the classical high grade epithets of "spurious, clandestine, illegitimate," &c.; this however did not effect the Grand Lodge, but some reflections made in 1823 by McCosh caused the Grand Master to call upon the Grand Lodge for protection. The cause of this outbreak is so curious that I must give it in full.

In 1820, Bro. Mitchell the Sovereign G.C. died; his widow found among his papers the ritual of the 33 degrees, and she sold it to thirteen Masons. The thirteen probably intended to open a high grade concern of their own, but the Cerneanites offered to the Sublime the thirteen gratis if they surrendered the ritual to them; this bargain would have been accomplished if Dalcho, McCosh, and Co. had not been convinced the thirteen that the Cerneanites were a spurious Body.

The question being brought before the Grand Lodge, and matters beginning to look serious, Bro. Dalcho undertook to become a peace maker, and he succeeded in getting one party to sign a paper, that no offence was intended to the G.M. and P.G.M., and the other party signed another paper expressing satisfaction with the apology. When the Grand Lodge met, the Grand Master made a long address, praising the influence of Masonry to the skies, and wound up with reading an epistle of St. Peter, with a fervent prayer besides. Everything seemed satisfactorily settled, but, alas! there was no sincerity in all these professions, for soon after the Grand Master and Bro. Dalcho (who was Grand Chaplain) declined re-election, and both then ceased to have further connection with any kind of Masonry.

Bro. Dalcho is said by Mackey to have been born in England in 1769. His uncle at Baltimore sent for him when quite young; there he studied for the medical profession. Afterwards he became army surgeon, attached to a regiment stationed at Charleston. The regiment was disbanded in 1790. Dalcho afterwards made some voyages, as ship's surgeon, to Africa. In 1800 he went into partnership in Charleston with Dr. Auld (who was a high grader). Dalcho was probably an *Ancient Yorker*; he certainly was a member in 1817 of the *Ancient Grand Lodge* in Charleston, but where or when he was initiated is unknown. In 1801 he was a 33°, and in 1803 he was a 53rd. In 1802 he wrote the Report published by McCosh in 1823. In 1807 he edited an edition of "Ahiman Rezon." In 1817 he took orders in the Episcopal Church, and also became Chaplain of the Grand Lodge.* As such, he sermonized on the St. Johns' Days regularly, but his Masonic Sermons were probably never printed. In 1823 he severed himself from Masonry, and he died in 1836.

The book before me contains two Orations; the first was delivered 23rd September 1801, and the second on the 21st March 1803. The Irish High Graders were pleased with Bro. Dalcho's Orations; they asked his permission to reprint them in Dublin, and having obtained the permission, they accordingly issued a Dublin edition, which edition is now before me. In the work itself, Appendix A, B, C, and D are referred to. Appendix A is merely a reprint of the Report of 1802 (see my article on McCosh's Documents), with some additional notes. Appendix D is omitted in the Dublin edition, and I notice some mutilation in another Appendix.

The subjects treated in these Orations may be divided into ethical and historical. The former is *excellent*, and with the exception of his harping about the Bible being the great Masonic Light, there are no sectarian tendencies in these Orations; but, on the contrary, he tried to impress his audience with the Masonic duty of extinguishing national and religious prejudices, &c. But about his history, with the exception of being well posted about the origin of the *Ancients* and *Moderns*, the remainder is a tissue of nonsense; here is a specimen of it, taken from the second Oration:—

"When the sun enters the sign of Aries and Libra, the days and nights are equally divided throughout the two hemispheres. Upon this circumstance is founded the immemorial custom in the Sublime Grand Lodge of delivering orations on the principles of the mystic union on the days of equinoxes. This system is emblematical of the equality which should reign among Masons, without distinction of country or nation; without prejudice to religion or sect; without regard to riches or poverty; a Mason should view the great mystic family as united to him by the bonds of affection," &c.

The above paragraph would have been faultless if he had not introduced a reference to an *immemorial custom of the Sublime Grand Lodge*, when his Sublime Grand Lodge was not *immemorial*. That Dalcho was not a foolish Masonic dreamer may be judged from the following. He says—

"That our adorable Creator was the Grand Architect of heaven and earth, none but madmen can doubt; but that our primordial parent was a Freemason, because he sewed two or three fig-leaves together, is too insignificant a proposition to require a serious refutation. No, my respectable brethren, we degrade ourselves and our illustrious Society by advocating such untenable doctrines; and those voluminous plodders of Masonic history, who make Masons of every man of note, from Adam to Nimrod, and from Nimrod to Solomon, down to the present day, certainly deserve much credit for their industry, but none for their talents. Indeed, we have incontrovertible proofs that many of the number whom they enumerated were perfectly ignorant of the mystic institution. . . . Because a story has been related in one way for an hundred years past, is not alone sufficient to stamp it with truth. It must carry on the face of it the appearance of probability, and if it is not a subject which can be tried by evidence and authentic history, and by just reasoning and established data, it will never be received by an enlightened mind on the *ipse dixit* of any one."

The above shows that Bro. Dalcho possessed the power of reasoning correctly, but here follows some of his absurdities, he says, "I am of opinion that the ancient society of *Free and Accepted Masons* was

* The Grand Lodges united in 1817, and Dalcho was made Grand Chaplain of the United Grand Lodge.

never a body of architects, that is, they were not originally embodied for the purposes of building. It must be evident to every Mason, particularly those brethren who have received the sublime degrees, that the situation of the Lodge and its several parts are copied after the Tabernacle and Temple, and represents the Universe as the Temple, in which the Deity is everywhere present. Our manner of teaching is derived from the Druids, * * * our maxims of morality from Pythagoras, * * * many of our emblems are originally from Egypt; the science of *Abraz*, and the characters of those emanations of the Deity, which have been adopted, are derived from *Basilides*. The word Mason is derived from the Greek, and literary means a member of a religious sect, or one who is professedly devoted to the worship of the Deity. The term *Free* being prefixed, is probably derived from the Crusades. * * * The term *Accepted*, is derived from the indulgences granted by the Pope, to all those who would confess their sins and join the enterprise for the recovery of the Holy Land. It is well known that immense numbers of Freemasons were engaged in the Holy Wars, and that their gallant and enterprising conduct gained them the esteem of the leaders of the army, who solicited initiation into the mysteries of their Order. This subject is well understood by those brethren who have received the 20th degree."

I have in a former paper quoted from Dr. Folger's history of the high degrees, a pretension set up by the Charlestonian high degrees, about their rights of granting charters for Blue Lodges, which right they are pleased to *wave* for the present. In a note to appendix A, Bro. Dalcho says:

"Although the Sublime Masons in this country have not initiated any into the Blue degrees, yet their councils possess the indefeasible right of granting Warrants for that purpose. It is common on the continent of Europe, and may be the case here should circumstances render the exercise of this power necessary. The legality of this right is derived from the highest Masonic authority in the world, and can be demonstrated to the perfect satisfaction of every Masonic judicial or legislative body. Throughout the Continent of Europe, England, Ireland, and the West Indies, every Sublime Mason is recognised as a lawful Past Master. In England, and in many States in America, the Grand Officers must be Royal Arch Masons. The Inspectors (of the high grades) have not as yet, insisted on it in this State, merely because they wished to have no interference with the symbolic degrees; but they are at the same time fully convinced, that the Sublime Masons are as lawfully made Past Masters, under as regular and authentic warrant and Constitution as his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who is Grand Master of England."—"F.D."

The moral teachings in Bro. Dalcho's orations, made a very favourable impression on my mind regarding his high moral character; but on reading the above note, I came to the conclusion that Dalcho was after all a *downright hypocrite*. Dalcho was initiated under the jurisdiction of either the Ancients or Moderns in South Carolina. At his initiation he took an oath to obey the laws and Constitutions of his Grand Lodge, those laws gave no power to a Sovereign Grand Commander to charter Blue Lodges. Dalcho was Master of a Lodge when he delivered the second oration; at his installation to that office he took another oath to obey the Constitutions of his Grand Lodge. The question naturally suggests itself, how, and by what power did Bro. Dalcho deem himself absolved from obeying those repeated oaths of fealty to the Grand Lodge?

He says, that the legality of his right to grant charters for Craft Lodges "was derived from the highest Masonic authority in the world." Now, in the first place, where? when? and by whom, was Frederick the Great invested with the highest Masonic powers in the world? Second, did Bro. Dalcho really believe, or could he believe, that the Almighty conferred upon Frederick the Great the power of absolving him from his Masonic oaths? And third, Frederick the Great was not a *high degree*, he never sent Constitutions for the high degrees to South Carolina. This pretended Frederick the Great Constitution was a Charlestonian high grader's *fraud*; and if Dalcho himself was not a party to that fraud, he was too shrewd a man to have been ignorant of the fact.

Dalcho says, "that in England and in many American States, Grand Officers must be Royal Arch Masons." Now, I never heard of an American Masonic Constitution having such a law, I am certain the English Constitution did not have that law, and I doubt, whether even the Abiman Rezon of the Ancients had that law. But suppose it was so, what has that to do with Dalcho's claimed right to violate his oaths of fealty to his Grand Lodge? Well, the only way I can account for the introduction of the subject of Grand Officers being Royal Arch Masons, is this: The Past Master's degree (since Thomas Smith Webb remodelled the American rituals of various degrees) was conferred upon every aspirant for the Royal Arch degree. This Past Master's degree (like the Royal Arch) was an invention of the Ancients, the Grand Lodge of England did not incorporate that degree into the ceremony of installation of Lodge Masters before 1813. This Past Master's degree was designed to be confined to those only who are installed as Masters of regular Lodges, and those who receive the said degree are bound as much by an OB to keep it secret from all but Masters and Past Masters, as they are bound to keep the secrets of a Master Mason from an Entered Apprentice. There is no doubt in my mind, therefore, that Masters or Past Masters who participate in conferring the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter, or who are present when that degree is conferred there, are as guilty of perjury as they would have been had they been present at an initiation of a Mason in an unauthorised Lodge. Now, instead of Bro. Dalcho rebuking the *Royal Archers* for their perjury, he took advantage of their offence to excuse his own. First he went to work and conferred the Past Master's degree upon his *Sublime* Masons, and if this violation could be done upon the alleged authority of Frederick the Great, why not grant charters for Blue Lodges also upon the alleged authority of Frederick the Great? And in this way he excused himself for his pretended rights.

Any amount of indignation was heaped upon the Grand Orient of

France for her opening the doors of her Lodges to Atheists. An Atheist, they say, has no conscience, and he will, therefore, violate his OB, &c., &c. I think, however, that Dalcho's influence upon his associates was more pernicious than the influence of the most unscrupulous Atheist could have been. For instance, if an Atheist had made an attempt to instil into the minds of the brethren the doctrine of a right to violate a Masonic oath, he would immediately be hissed out of the Masonic Associations. But when a religious man, like the Rev. Bro. Dalcho, teaches a doctrine subversive of all morality, not only his immediate associates are apt to imbibe his doctrine, but future generations will cling to it, because Bro. Dalcho sanctioned it. Indeed such has really been the case among the High Degrees: thus Atwood, in 1837, established a Grand Lodge of his own in New York, which existed until 1851. The French High Graders in Louisiana have also a Grand Lodge of their own, and the leaders of those High Rites, both North and South, though glorying in the Bible as a great Masonic Light, are not ashamed to affirm publicly their right to control Grand Lodges, &c., but they merely *wave that right*. I therefore repeat that Dalcho did more to sap the foundation of morality and honour among Masons than the worst Atheist could have done. And it is my opinion that the best service Dalcho ever rendered to Masonry was by his *final secession from the Masonic Fraternity*.

Boston, U.S., 9th September 1881.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The three chairs were occupied by Bros. Joshua Nunn Senior Vice-President, James Brett Junior Vice-President, and Samuel Rawson Past District Grand Master of China. Owing to the holiday season there were but few members present, but among those who attended were the Grand Secretary Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, G. P. Britten, C. F. Hogard, Arthur E. Gladwell, J. H. Matthews, John Constable, James Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, George Lambert G.S.B., Edgar Bowyer, W. Mann J. M. Case P.G.D., Charles Dairy, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., John Mason, W. Stephens, H. Garrod, and H. Massey. The brethren first confirmed the recommendations of last Lodge to the amount of £145. There were twenty-one fresh cases on the list. Four of these were postponed, and one was dismissed. The remainder were relieved in a total sum of £365, in sums of £40, £30, £25, £20, £10, and £5.

We understand that the Right Hon. the Lord Tenderden, K.C.B., Provincial Grand Master for Essex, has announced his intention of holding his Grand Lodge for 1882 at Chingford, under the banner of the Chigwell Lodge, No. 453. The last time this Lodge received P.G.L. was in 1869, when its headquarters were at Woodford. It is now located at the Forest Hotel, Chingford, on the borders of Epping Forest, one of the prettiest spots in Essex.

Last week, the Eastnor Lodge, No. 751, Ledbury, consecrated their new Lodge Room, situated in the High-street. There was a strong attendance of the brethren, and the ceremony was very ably performed. Among those present were R.W. Bro. Sir J. Russell Bailey Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master Herefordshire, and Bro. Thomas Jowitt Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The customary banquet followed.

At a meeting, on Wednesday last, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire, there was a large muster of the brethren, who assembled at the Talbot Hotel, Stourbridge, under the presidency of Right Worshipful Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master, among the visitors being Bro. An. McIntyre, Grand Registrar. The Provincial G. Master announced that, owing to advanced age, Bro. Masfield Deputy Prov. G.M. had expressed a wish to resign his office, and that, at a meeting to be held in the course of a few months, he proposed to appoint in his stead Bro. A. F. Goddard. The Prov. G. Master also announced, amid expressions of universal regret, the death of Bro. Bristow, Prov. G. Secretary, who had held the office for some twenty years, and to whose family and friends, on the loss they had sustained, a vote of condolence was unanimously passed. Bro. George Taylor, of Kidderminster, will be his successor. The brethren attended divine service at St. Thomas's Church, where a sermon was preached by Rev. Bro. J. B. Wilson, Prov. G. Chaplain. In the evening a banquet was served at the Talbot. The next meeting will be held at the Talbot.

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OPERATIVE AND SPECULATIVE.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

IN the later years there has been recognised a noted distinction between Operative and Speculative Masonry.

The first is supposed to allude to the building of Temples and other great public structures. The construction of the Temple of Solomon, at Jerusalem; the Pyramid structures on and near the Nile, in Egypt; St. Peter's, in Rome, and St. Paul's, in London, and a thousand other great achievements in the building art, by skilled artificers, from centuries before the Advent down to seventeen hundred years after it.

The second, Speculative Masonry, is intended to teach the moral virtues, a belief in the existence of the Deity and a recognition of His Divine Law, with all which that law embraces,—temperance, fortitude, prudence, justice, love to God and obedience to His will, consideration for others and charity to all, involving the obligation—"do good to all." These and their kindred constitute the moral virtues, and what is known as Speculative Masonry.

Now, inasmuch as the old theory of Operative Masonry, as the foundation or illustration of Speculative, has passed away or remains in abeyance, might it not be advisable to re-construct the language used, and permit the dead theory to slumber amid the crumbling structures of the dead past? What have we to do with Operative Masonry in 1881, except occasionally to go through the ceremony of placing and adjusting a corner or foundation stone of some public building or structure? The mere ceremony is remembered, the procession, the music, and the oration, the placing of the corner-stone in its proper position, the three mystic blows, of which not one out of a thousand knows the meaning, the spreading of a little cement and—all is ended! I shall not say that I am in favour of the entire abolition of these ceremonies, for they keep fresh in memory the assumed practices of the ancients—show our rich and beautiful costumes—our feathers and fancy work, regalias befitting a prince, and costumes rich and resplendent in golden embroideries! Are there no other works by which ancient Operative Masonry may be kept in the memory? Are the labours in the forest and in the quarries, the preparation of the stones and their conveyance to the seat of the great Temple to adorn the summit of Moriah and become the centre of that mystical worship vouchsafed to the Jewish people to be continually conned over, because there is no other way of keeping in memory the achievements of the ancient builders? Where is the Temple of Solomon, with all its glory and magnificence? Its walls are thrown down by barbaric forces, but its foundations are still there, and blocks prepared by the skill of those ancient workmen have been transported to Europe, and even to our own country of the starry flag. What other mementoes do we need? There are the stones of the original walls cropping out from the mountain's brow, with their peculiar level of two thousand years ago. Are they not sufficient? If the object be merely to keep in memory the character and calling of "our ancient brethren," we can linger about the crumbling ruins of the great Temple which once adorned the summit of Moriah; or we can go to Baal-beck and gaze in wonder at its unequalled ruins; or we may travel to the Nile and stand with astonishment before its still grander wonders, and lament in tears the march of the Destroyer.

Operative Masonry, however, has passed away, so far as modern Freemasonry is concerned or connected with it. Its dilapidated walls, its legendary glories, its accumulated centuries, its weird stories of old wonders—are now but myths. The venerable ruins, the buried workmen, temple and tower covered by the debris of forgotten ages, all remind us of what was, but is not; it is all a dream which dissolves at the approach of day, and is gone and forgotten like the centuries through which it has passed. But as we may not ignore all allusions to ancient Operative Masonry, and make it secondary in our symbolic system of Instruction, why may we not give it a less prominent position? We regard the erection of public buildings as Operative Masonry, but we have no use, as Freemasons, for the culture of that art now, and never dream of engaging in it. We may, to a certain extent, let the dead past bury its dead, while we build a cenotaph to memory, and wait and watch for better days and more consistent labours.

Now let us turn a leaf and ascertain the meaning of Speculative Masonry: What does the expression mean, and how does it differ from Operative Masonry?

Speculative Masonry relates to moral duties,—a firm and consistent belief in the Deity and His divine attributes; the obligation of His divine law, our conformity to that law and obedience to all He may require of us. "By Speculative Masonry we learn to subdue the passions, act upon the square, keep a tongue of good report, maintain secrecy and practise charity. It is so far interwoven with religion as to lay us under obligations to pay that rational homage to the Deity which at once constitutes our duty and our happiness."

This is speculative Masonry, which proclaims what should be our duty, and the basis on which that duty is founded,—our firm belief in the existence and attributes of the Deity, a recognition of His Divine law, and our obligations to obey that law in all its entirety. Such is Speculative Masonry, as distinguished from Operative. But, in the recognition of Operative Masonry, may we not have gone too far, and, forgetting both the Operative and Speculative, have merged all in the ideal of old building associations, forgetful of the obligations we owe to the purely Speculative? The memories of the past are one thing; the duties of to-day are quite another. To square an ashlar and prepare it for the builder's use in the construction of an edifice is one duty and one achievement; to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, comfort the sorrowing and distressed, is another and quite a different work. If Masonry was, in the olden times, an association of builders or artificers exclusively, may it not be equally so in modern days as an association devoted exclusively or chiefly to good works and charity,—to helping the needy, assisting the distressed, and

sheltering the homeless? Why not? Is not the one quite as important as the other? To build a Temple in which God may be worshipped and His ordinances administered is not more important than doing His work, obeying His law, and fitting the soul for its immortal habitation in the heavens. May not Masonry, therefore, be still nominally speculative, but practically operative? Operative is of no importance now, while speculative or moral Masonry is of the highest importance and in it is the glory of the Order. Let me illustrate by referring to the works and fruits of Speculative Masonry.

Between thirty and forty years ago an eminent citizen and distinguished Freemason, a Past Grand Master in the State in which he resided, reported the following as an illustration of Speculative Masonry. We may not say who the Grand Master was, but his deeds will be read and known of all men in a coming day. We quote:

"Within my own recollection, and generally under my own observation, the firm of Howard and Thompson (I use fictitious names) in the city of —, fell into some commercial difficulties, which the limited capital of the junior partner was unable to surmount. The senior partner, with the aid of friends, compromised the debts, continued the business in his own name, and became in time a wealthy man. Thompson, lacking energy of character, but possessing some pride, declined a subordinate station in a counting room, until his habits became so bad that he was deemed unfit for any place of trust, and he sank to utter destitution with a rapidity I never saw before, nor since, equalled in any man to whom crime was not to be imputed.

"He became brutified; whole days would he lie on the public wharves, drunken with the liquor extracted from the hogsheads being landed at the time, and his rags hung upon him so carelessly that decency stood aghast at his appearance. He was not merely a drunkard—sobriety to him was a rarity. He had lost all moral standing, all claim to decency; while self-respect had fled, and he was the nearest approach in habits and appearance to the brute that I ever saw in man."

The reader is ready to say, Well, this man is lost to everything; he has sunk so low that it were loss of time to make an effort to raise him up to even the ordinary standard of humanity, for nothing that man can do will accomplish the work. And yet this man had a soul, and an immortal destiny, and to lift him up, and prepare him for a noble work and a glorious hereafter, were a greater achievement than were the rearing of the Pyramids, or building old temples that should be the wonder of succeeding ages; and yet Speculative Masonry was able to accomplish so great a work. Hear the Past Grand Master conclude his description:—

"One day, it was a clear sunshine in January, Thompson had thrown himself against the southern angle of a public building; and about noon, as the members of the — came from the Hall, he looked for a little eleemosynary aid that would enable him to add a loaf of bread to his more easily acquired liquor. But member after member passed on—the case was too disgusting to excite sympathy. One member only was left; he came round the corner of the building towards the place of egress from the premises, and, attracted by the appearance of the object before him, he was about to offer alms when, looking closer, he exclaimed—'Are you not Thompson?' 'Yes.' 'Well, here is something—but come to my office this evening.'

"Thompson kept the promise and presented himself at the office. He was not seen again for several weeks, and, if they thought of him, it was to congratulate themselves that they were relieved from the presence of so squalid an object.

"About two months afterwards, as the troops of the United States marched through the city on their way to the north-western frontier, Thompson was seen in the manly uniform of a lieutenant of infantry. He acquitted himself like a man, and died honourably as a captain in the service. The world recollected that Thompson had been a member of an association of which his patron and friend had been the principal; and they imputed the kindness which lifted him from his degradation, to a social feeling on the part of his benefactor. But there were others who knew that the benefactor was Master of a Lodge when Thompson was once an active and useful member; and that had appeals to the Master's good feelings been earlier made much suffering and disgrace might have been spared; as it was the relieved died a captain in the service, and the reliever lived to be Grand Master of a Grand Lodge."

What a beautiful illustration of the power of Masonry to do good—greater good than the erection of Temples constructed of brick and mortar, or even of granite. "How instructive would it be to know just what passed in that evening's interview between those two Masons,—the appeals and persuasions on the part of the Senior, and the yieldings of the erring Junior; to have witnessed the new gush of self-respect when it was proposed he should hold a commission, and that there was one who not only could have influence with the government to procure the appointment; but still more, would have confidence in him to be responsible for his future conduct. We may not lift the veil to look in upon the scene; Masonry, while she works such good, tiles the door, and lets others judge of the means by the beauty and excellence of the ends." That Grand Master became eminent for every social quality and moral virtue, and afterwards represented our Government at a foreign Court. He now sleeps the sleep of the just.

The following describes another temple built by Speculative Masonry.

Some forty years ago, in the market at Cincinnati, early one cold morning, there was a lady a little past the meridian of life, in widow's weeds, and with a heart apparently swollen with grief, begging bones with which to make soup. After obtaining a supply, she left them in her basket with the butcher, and stepped across the street to a drug store. As she entered the door she was met by a respectable physician of the city, who knew her, and who had frequently, during her husband's lifetime, met in Lodge with him. On inquiring into her situation, he learned that she was destitute of both food and fuel; that one of her children was sick in bed, and the other three

suffering from cold and hunger; and that she had come with the only piece of money she had left to purchase medicine.

At hearing this tale of sorrow and distress, the physician gave orders for the proper medicine to be put up and charged to his account. As soon as the lady obtained them she returned to the market, found her basket emptied of bones, filled with the best the market afforded, and a servant waiting to carry it to her house; and when she arrived there she found a man throwing off a load of wood at her door, and another engaged in sawing it up and carrying it in. From that time all her needs, so far as possible, were supplied. This is, or should be, the Operative Masonry of to-day,—“To visit the widow and the fatherless in their affliction;” to supply their needs, comfort them in their distresses, and “bring peace to their troubled minds”—these are the grand aims we have in view, this is the genuine Operative Masonry of to-day—though it may be under the guise of *Speculative*.

Allow me one more illustration of what *Speculative* Masonry is, and what Operative Masonry *should* be, at present—indeed the world has little use now for any other. The story I had from the lips of a Mason, a Templar, and one in possession of all the grades of the Scottish Rite, and I made a note of it at the time. He was, though a citizen of one of the Northern States, an actor in the scenes he described. Years ago he passed his rest, and

“No sound can awake him to glory again”

About the year 1823 a furious war was raging in Columbia, South America, between the Royalist forces under Morilla, and the Patriot army, in command of General Bolivar. Morilla was a villain who ignored all the claims of humanity and the usages of civilised warfare by murdering in cold blood the prisoners he captured, “without regard to age, sex, or condition.” Bolivar had tried every means in his power to terminate this mode of warfare, but without avail. At length the City of Cucuta was captured by a night attack of the Royalists, the inhabitants put to the sword, while Bolivar's commissioners were captured and murdered. Bolivar was naturally humane, but this last atrocity rendered him furious, and he declared the blood-stained Royalists should be paid in their own coin—blood for blood!

Soon after this a Royalist battalion of Spanish Lancers, under the command of Colonel La Harza, was captured by the Patriot forces, and sent to Puerto Cabello, at which place our informant was then stationed. The fate of these prisoners depended on the result of the Convention at Cucuta, but their future was now sealed—they must die. But now Masonry comes to the rescue. Bolivar was a Mason, and had been knighted in France in 1807. Colonel La Harza was admitted to the same Order in the *same Asylum* in 1819, while attached to the Spanish Embassy. The discovery of a common vow, at this particular juncture, had an unexpected effect, at a most critical moment.

Bolivar had finally determined upon a system of retaliation—life for life. Accordingly the prisoners were ordered out into a public square for execution. The last moment had arrived, and every one waited for the order to proceed. Just then Colonel Rosas came spurring through the ranks, and requested a private audience with Bolivar. The request was courteously granted, though the chief was not in the humour to grant favours. Fifteen anxious minutes passed; Colonel Rosas returned, the prisoners were remanded to the castle, and the next morning embarked for the Island of Margaritta, where they were discharged from captivity, while their officer, Colonel La Harza, remained a voluntary inmate of Bolivar's family.

The surprise of the officers and troops at the turn things had taken was great, but they did not know by what mystery the consummation had been reached. Our informant, however, comprehended the reason; the unsullied honour of a Templar was pledged “this command should not again, during the war, carry arms against the Patriot forces,” and this had saved eight hundred men from slaughter! So much for *Speculative* Masonry, even in the darkest hours of human history, when freedom and life are both at stake.

And now, suppose we summarise the question, and present a brief view of it in its entirety. Operative Masonry was simply the work of erecting large buildings for public uses. The builders were a separate and distinct association of men, for a given purpose, and governed by special rules. Some of those rules have sent their echoes down through the ages until they have reached our own times. It is true they come with lessons of high import, but we have now those lessons from still clearer and higher authority. No need now of echoes from the dim and distant past, for the light streams from our altars of to-day, and the great truths are written in characters so distinct that all may read and understand them. There is no longer use for mythical instruction; piles of old ruins and crumbling walls may be interesting to look at, but their language and their lessons are but mystical, while we now have the clear unclouded noon-day sun to point the path of duty and cheer us in the discharge of our obligations to God and to man.

But while I would not forget the benefits Masonry derives from its assumed connection with ancient building associations, yet the more practical and valuable of Masonry belongs to the present, while *Speculative* Masonry is of infinitely greater importance to itself, and the world as well. The real, genuine, old-fashioned *Speculative* Masonry, I fear, is almost forgotten amid the pressure of new inventions and constant changes. The “learned works” written in late years are full of descriptions of old Operative Masonry, while the *Speculative* is almost forgotten, or passed over with few words and fewer deeds. Is there no way to recover our lost ground? Can we not lay aside, at least in a measure, the practice of delving among old ruins and building up theories which are only useful when made incentives to feeding the hungry and clothing the naked?

There are other causes which tend to shadow *Speculative* Masonry, and compel the real to give place to the ideal. We almost fear to refer to them in connection with this subject, and yet to mention them is needful, as wounds sometimes need probing to secure a healthy condition. We are delighted with the beautiful degrees of

the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, when properly worked; we yield to none in our admiration of the Order of the Red Cross and of Knight Templar; while we regard the Royal Arch as needful to fill a vacancy or furnish explanations; but we would not permit any of these, or all of them, to supersede the beautifully impressive and practical degrees in the old and invaluable *Speculative* Masonry. Yet in many cases the Lodge is forgotten while the Commandery absorbs the general attention.

If the social element is to be cultivated, it is rarely that a Lodge is at the fore, but the Commandery. The old Masonic feast days are yet, nominally, in our calendar, but practically they are ignored. Hugh de Payens has taken the place of John the Baptist, while the name of Jacques de Molay has superseded that of the Evangelist. The sword and the chapeau have crowded the white apron and blue sash from our ranks; while a single outfit of Templar costume will cost as much as the fuel and food for a needy family during a cold and cheerless winter! Yet a dollar is sometimes grudgingly given to a sick brother or his family, while fifty dollars is willingly paid for attractive costumes!

In noticing a reference to the celebration of St. John's Day, recently, it is said that — Commandery made a trip to, and were the guests of — Commandery; and that — Commandery visited — Commandery for a picnic and social reunion, which was participated in by the families of the Knights. Not one word, however, about Masons or Masonry. One would think there was no Masonry at this day. It is all absorbed in a form of modern knighthood; genuine old-fashioned Masonry is almost forgotten. Oh for the good, simple, practical Freemasonry again, with its reverence for the patrons of the Order, its lambskin aprons, its large-hearted benevolence, its “friendship, morality, and brotherly love!” The modern displays are all right, the exhibition is beautiful, the contest for pre-eminence in drill and discipline may be indulged in; but while all this is attended to, the first and most important of all should not be neglected. *Speculative* Masonry with its simple forms, its blessed charities, and its social unions should not be forgotten or neglected.

The brethren of the Frederick Lodge of Unity, No. 452, had a very agreeable meeting on Tuesday last. This Lodge now holds its assemblies in a private building, which has been named the Croydon Freemasons' Hall, and is situate No. 105 High Street. Here we may anticipate the members of this and the other Lodges which purpose holding meetings here will have many sociable gatherings, as the place is admirably adapted for Masonic purposes. The W.M., Bro. Frederick Manning, opened his Lodge at 4.30, when he was supported by Past Masters James Robins (Treasurer), Magnus Ohren P.G.A.D.C. (Secretary), Chas. Pawley, Rhodes, and the Officers and Members of the Lodge. The feature of the evening's proceedings was the presentation to the W. Bro. Magnus Ohren, in accordance with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of 8th June, unanimously approved by the Lodge 21st June, and confirmed on the 19th July, of a very artistically painted portrait. Bro. Manning spoke in eloquent terms of praise of the zeal displayed by Bro. Ohren in the fulfilment of his duties, and expressed the exceeding gratification it afforded him to be the medium through which the Lodge desired to do honour to the many sterling qualities displayed by Bro. Magnus Ohren in the fulfilment of the Masonic duties he was so deeply engaged in. Bro. Ohren's qualities were not only recognised and appreciated by the members of this Lodge, but by Masons throughout the length and breadth of the land. After the gift had been suitably acknowledged by Bro. Ohren, who briefly reviewed the history of the Lodge since he had been associated with it, Lodge was closed and the brethren partook of a banquet, which was excellently served by the proprietor of the Masonic Hall. The after proceedings were pleasantly diversified with toasts, music and songs, and the evening passed with every satisfaction. The portrait, which is a speaking likeness of our esteemed Bro. Ohren, is the work of Bro. James Ricks, S.W. of the Britannic Lodge, No. 33, of 120 Adelaide Road, N.W., and is a most creditable production of that artist's pencil.

The Earl of Bective, Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmoreland, has arranged that the annual meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge shall take place on the 8th October, at Workington, under the auspices of the Sun and Sector Lodge, No. 962, of that town.

A complimentary dinner will shortly be given to Bro. D. Sherwill, the new caterer of the Royal Brighton Aquarium, by his numerous friends in London.

We understand the Earl of Breadalbane has subscribed £100 towards the Hutchison Ben Nevis Memorial Observatory.

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THE YORK LODGES AND THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We have had pointed out to us by Bro. W. W. Wheelhouse, of Lower Edmonton, Enfield Lodge, No. 1237, that his name does not appear as having been present at the Masonic Reception at York, on the 5th inst. We fear other brethren will find their names omitted. The reception having been got up by a joint committee of the two York Lodges, it was decided to ask the brethren to sign two books. There were upwards of forty brethren who signed only one book. The list in the newspapers was made out from one book only, hence the omission. Bro. T. B. Whytehead is, however, preparing a little pamphlet, which will contain a complete list of the articles exhibited on the occasion, and of the 198 brethren who honoured us with their presence.

Yours faithfully,

A. BUCKLE,

J. S. CUMBERLAND,

Secretaries of the Joint Committee.

Manor House, York, 21st Sept. 1881.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I can but repeat that it is probably my own fault that my meaning has not been as clearly understood as I could have wished in respect of the work done in our Lodges of Instruction. I know there must be repetition, or our younger brethren would never be able to master the ritual, &c., but I do not look upon this as being a reason why there should never be anything in the way of variety. Again, our Preceptors are always willing enough to teach, but in far too many instances they lack the requisite ability. If, then, there were occasional departures from the strict routine of work, and the Preceptors all round were as competent as they are willing, then I think our Lodges of Instruction would prove more attractive and, as the inevitable consequence, would effect a greater amount of good. But, at the risk of being thought presumptuous, I say there is little likelihood of any improvement taking place (1) so long as the work is so monotonous, (2) while there are so many incompetent teachers.

I have already thrown it out as a suggestion, that as there are so many Lodges of Instruction in the London district, and as several of them meet either in the same house or the same neighbourhood, it would be a good plan if some of these were set apart for more advanced students, while the majority continued working on the same plan as now. As there are so many who seem to think they would like to possess more knowledge than is to be had under the present system, there ought to be no difficulty in making some such arrangement, subject, of course, to the sanction of the proper authorities. But if no one will take this initiative, all this correspondence will end in smoke. I take a great interest in the question, but I have little influence and less time, so that any help I might be able to render would be on a very moderate scale. Still I will undertake to find a brother who shall read a paper, if somebody else will find an audience, and once the tie has been broken, it ought not to be so very difficult to carry the proposal through.

I am, fraternally yours,

MARS.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very glad to see that the correspondence which has been going on in your columns has borne fruit, and that at the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction a paper on some Masonic subject has been read—no doubt to the edification of all present on the occasion. I trust other Lodges will follow in its wake, and that occasionally those who wish to know something more than the ritual, &c., will have the opportunity of so doing. I agree with "MARS," that there is no reason why there should not be now and again some slight departure from the routine of ordinary work. These departures would trench but slightly on the time at the disposal of a Lodge for the practical duties for which they are established. At the outset, at all events, a paper, to be appreciated, should be simple in its character and modest as to its length. I once heard a clergyman of the Church of England say that, in his opinion, no sermon should be of longer character than twenty minutes, and I certainly hold that, except in dealing with subjects of importance, a Masonic lecture or paper should not occupy a longer time. Thus, the occasional departure would, as I have suggested, but very slightly curtail the time of the Lodge, and I doubt not the innovation would very quickly find favour with the brethren.

May I offer a further suggestion? Let the papers be historical

or biographical, or let them deal with particular episodes in the career of Freemasonry, both in our own country and abroad. I am convinced that the more is known of the wonderful spread of the Craft, the greater will be the interest taken in it by the younger brethren. Steady work will help them to a knowledge of Lodge duties, while the lecture will be a relief which cannot fail to lend additional zest, and excite a more intense interest in the teachings of our Society.

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

I remain,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

ASPIRANT.

The regular meeting of the William Preston Lodge, No. 776, was held on Thursday, the occasion being the special "ladies night" of the year. Bro. Ebenezer Kidman, the W.M., presided, and the three ceremonies were worked. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year resulted in favour of Bro. W. F. Smart, the J.W. A sum of £10 was voted to a late member, now in distressed circumstances, and other items of business transacted. A full report will appear in our next issue.

According to the *Keystone*, when our Brother the King of the Hawaiian Islands, was recently in Egypt, he visited the Grand Lodge of Egypt, and delivered before the brethren an able address. The Grand Lodge passed a resolution as follows: "Whereas, Brother Kalakaua, both as a King and a Mason, has rendered many and important services to the cause of civilisation and to humanity at large; Resolved, That Brother D. Kalakaua, King of the Hawaiian Islands, be and is hereby proclaimed Honorary Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Egypt." The honour was acknowledged by the royal visitor in graceful terms.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on the 7th inst, under the presidency of Bro. S. B. Dick, M.W.G.M. The business was of the usual character. A vote of sympathy with Mrs. Garfield was unanimously passed and minuted, and ordered to be transmitted to the lady who, unfortunately, has since become the widow of President Garfield.

Bro. A. M. Lloyd D.D.G.M., as representing Bro. Samuel B. Dick M.W.G.M. Pennsylvania, laid the corner stone of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church, Adtoona, Pa, on Saturday the 3rd instant. Bro. Rev. W. H. Platt acted as Grand Chaplain on the occasion, while Bro. Captain Turner delivered the oration. It is expected the new Church when completed will be one of the finest in the city.

NEVER COOLER.—The *Keystone* thinks the *Voice* was in a pet when it said, "Now, Bro. *Keystone*, be consistent, and either stop your nonsense about public installations, or cease publishing Masonic doings altogether." The fact is, the *Voice* was never cooler or happier than when it thus spoke, unless laughing all-over can be called "a pet." The *Voice* has been very much amused at the pure silliness of *The Keystone* anent the subject, and its amusement is not ended either. Now, *The Keystone* says:—"We publish a newspaper for Masons, and only Masons care to take and pay for it; but a public installation is professedly for the public. Granted, for the sake of the argument. Is not a newspaper a public affair, even though it be patronized solely by Masons? Does it not pass through the mails, and is it not liable to be read, nay is it not read by many non-Masons? Indeed, is anything in print in any sense secret? And, if performing a monitorial service publicly is wrong, why is not publishing who is Master, or Grand Master, or what a Lodge or Grand Lodge did, equally wrong, and, on that basis, are not all public displays of Masonry improper, and, Bro. *Keystone*, won't you then have to "shut up shop?" The fact is, the greater part of Masonry is esoteric, and all talk about not making it public is the veriest nonsense, and hence *The Keystone* must, to be consistent, either stop its silliness about public installations, or quit publishing Masonic doings.—*Voice of Masonry*.

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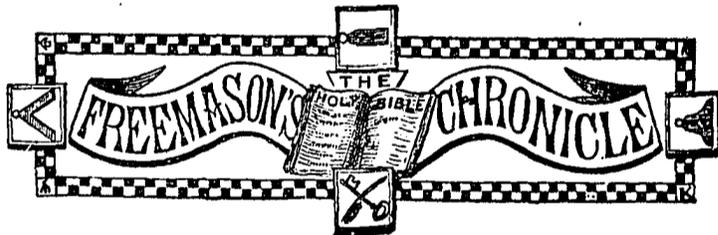
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MOVEABLE GRAND MARK LODGE.

THE Freemasons of the Mark Degree of Sheffield and the neighbourhood held a meeting on Thursday, at the Masonic Hall, Surrey-street, at the Britannia Lodge, No. 35, of which Brother J. E. Reaney is the Worshipful Master. At the last Half-yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Degree, held at the Criterion, London, on the 31st of May, Brother Reaney, in the name of the Sheffield brethren, invited the Grand Master, Lord Heniker, who was then installed, to hold the Moveable Grand Mark Lodge, which has for some years past been held in the autumn, and honour the Sheffield brethren with a visit this year. His Lordship promised that due consideration should be given to the invitation, and this having since been done, the invitation was accepted, and the Moveable Grand Lodge was accordingly held on Thursday, after the ordinary meeting of the Britannia Lodge, where the ceremony of advancement to this Degree was performed on Brother W. G. Roper, a duly qualified candidate.

Amongst the brethren present were Sir Francis Burdett Grand Master of Surrey, Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., Grand Senior Warden, Dr. Trollope Provincial Grand Master of

Sussex, John Walker Deputy Provincial Grand Master Gloucester, Julius Arensberg Past Provincial Grand S Bearer East Lancashire, Rev. A. A. Bagshaw Provincial Grand Chaplain, John Chadwick Past Provincial Grand Secretary Lancashire, F. A. Waghorn Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies West Yorkshire, Thomas J. Pulley Grand Senior Deacon, Thomas Cubitt Provincial Grand Steward, W. Roebuck, Donald M. Dewar Assistant Grand Secretary, Robert Berridge Grand Director of Ceremonies, J. F. Tweedale Provincial Grand S.O., G. F. Matier P.G.W. Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Lancashire, Frederick Binckes Grand Secretary, F. Davison Grand Treasurer, J. L. Hine of Manchester, Captain Frank R. Mott, United States Army, K.O.M., K.G.H., K.L.H., Colonel Somerville Burney, J. N. Blake 91, Edwin Gilbert P.M. 222, J. B. Phillips P.M. 18, William Valentine Present W.M. Time Immemorial York, Thomas B. Whytehead, John S. Cumberland, Thomas D. Wigg 182, R. Heber Radford Wor. Master Ivanhoe (Craft) Lodge, John Shaw W.M. Britannia (Craft) Lodge, and four members of the Grand Lodge of Cumberland—Bros. Major Sewell Deputy Provincial Grand Master Designate, Joseph Nicholson Prov. Senior Warden, G. J. McKay Provincial Grand Senior Warden, J. H. Banks Past Provincial Grand Senior Overseer. The Officers of the Lodge present at and taking a part in the ceremony were Bros. J. E. Reaney W.M., S. H. Gatty S.W., John Unwin jun J.W., Thomas Blair M.O., J. E. Darling S.O., Thomas Clarke J.O., J. Garnett P.M. Treasurer (acting as Immediate Past Master), H. A. Styring Secretary, John Shaw Registrar of Marks, Frederick Barber S.D., J. P. Hewitt J.D., and Isaac Eyre I.G. The ceremony was very imposing, there being no less than 200 Mark Master Masons present, and this number being still further swelled before the work was concluded by the arrival of a large number of Provincial Grand Officers. Lord Henniker, the Grand Master, was not present, his health lately having been indifferent, and his medical adviser having urged him not to attend. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., one of the Past Grand Masters, acted for Lord Henniker, and together with many Grand Officers from Grand Lodge sat on the dais with Bro. Reaney. The ceremony of advancement was fully choral, which gave the brethren an opportunity of hearing the notes of an excellent little organ, and an admirable performance by Bro. S. Suckley Past Provincial Grand Organist. All the Officers, from the Worshipful Master to the Inner Guard, were perfect in their work. Bro. Garnet Past Master gave "The Working Tools," and Bro. Bromley Past Master the "Congratulation." The Historical Lecture and the Lecture on the Tracing-board were given, the former by Brother Gatty Senior Warden, and the latter by the Worshipful Master. At the conclusion of the work the Lodge was "called off," and subsequently, on resumption, the Moveable Grand Lodge was received by the Britannia Lodge, and Bro. Reaney resigned the Master's chair to Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Past Grand Master. After the Grand Lodge had been formally opened, the usual ceremonies were observed, Bro. Berridge acting as Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Binckes Grand Secretary, read a letter from Lord Henniker, apologising for his absence, and stating the reasons, and that his medical adviser assured him that he could only attend at the risk of permanent ill-health. The letter went on further to express Lord Henniker's great sorrow at his enforced absence, and thanked Bro. Reaney, Bro. Woodall, and other brethren for what they had done on behalf of Mark Masonry in Yorkshire. He hoped also that he would at a future time be favoured with an invitation to Sheffield, that he might show the sincerity of his present expressions by accepting it.

Bro. Beach said he was sure the brethren had all heard with extreme regret the letter which had just been read. They would all sympathise with the Grand Master in the cause of his absence, and would wish him a speedy return to health. Nothing but the gravest causes would have prevented his being present that day, as he had long wished and hoped to be. In his absence he (Bro. Beach) would perform the Grand Master's duties.

Bro. Reaney, on behalf of the brethren of the Britannia Lodge, expressed their deep and very sincere regret at the Grand Master's illness.

The patent of appointment of Brother John Woodall Woodall as Grand Master of North and East Ridings of

Yorkshire was then read by Bro. Binckes, who, with Bro. Matier, afterwards conducted Bro. Woodall into Grand Lodge and presented him to Bro. Beach.

Bro. Beach, addressing Bro. Gatty said, the duty of a Grand Master of a Province was no light one. He ought to make himself acquainted with the capacities of the several brethren who served throughout the Province, so that he might be the better enabled to appreciate the services they had rendered to the Craft, and to reward merit and ability. To do that it was necessary for him to attend as far as he could the meetings of various Lodges within his Province, so that he might by personal inspection judge of those merits and abilities. It was doubtless impossible in a large and important Province for a Provincial Grand Master to attend as frequently as he might desire at the meetings of the Lodges, but still, if he wished to do so, he could attend in a great measure and gauge the capacity of the various brethren who were serving offices. He would be enabled to judge by the results of their endeavours how far their exertions would be successful, and he need scarcely exhort him (Bro. Gatty) that to be perfectly impartial in the discharge of his duties was intrinsically essential. He should be courteous in his demeanour to all, should listen to every complaint brought before him. Should any cause of disagreement unhappily arise, he would then, with the benefit of advice of others, and using his own judgment to the best of his ability, be able to terminate any such disagreement. It might be that no disagreement would ever take place in Bro. Gatty's Province, but if on any occasion a disagreement did occur, it would be his duty to exert himself to the utmost to put an end to it, and restore the harmony of all the members of the Lodge. From the zeal he had already shown, and the desire he had evinced to forward the interests of the Craft, no doubt he would fully justify the confidence the Grand Master had reposed in him, and answer the hopes and expectations of the brethren of the Lodges under his rule. For his own part he (Bro. Beach) could only wish him, and he wished it in the name of the G. Lodge of England, a happy rule, and that his governance of his Province might be fraught with the most happy results, and tend to the benefit of the Mark Master Mason's degree.

Bro. Beach then installed Bro. J. Woodall-Woodall, of Scarborough, as Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire.

Dr. Trollope, Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, afterwards, in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters numbering over 80, installed Bro. S. H. Gatty S.W. of the Britannia Lodge, and Provincial Grand Inner Guard of West Yorkshire, as Master of the Britannia Lodge for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Reaney was invested as, Immediate Past Master. Bros. Frederick Unwin S.W., Player J.W., Darling M.O., Clarke S.O., Shaw J.O., Garnett P.M. Treasurer, H. A. Styring Registrar of Marks, Barber Secretary, Hewitt S.D., Eyere J.D., Hunt M.C. Flether I.G., Middleton and Cleaves Stewards, Kirkham Organist, and Leighton Tyler.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. F. Binckes, read letters of regret for inability to attend from the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., Lord Leigh, and other Past Grand Masters and Officers, and the Grand Lodge was then closed. At a latter period of the afternoon the Britannia Lodge was closed, after "hearty good wishes" had been given from the brethren present, representing numerous Lodges. A grand banquet followed, at which Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., presided. After the banquet the customary loyal toasts were given.

Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., Senior Grand Warden, proposed "the health of the Grand Master," coupling with it the name of the Acting Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach P.G.M. In giving the toast his Lordship said the brethren who had had the advantage of attending Grand Lodge would be only too glad to have this opportunity of bearing their testimony to the admirable manner in which the Grand Officers of England always had carried out their duties. With the toast were included the names of Prince Leopold Duke of Albany, Lord Leigh, Lord Holmesdale, Bro. Beach, the Rev. G. R. Portal, Earl Percy, the Earl of Limerick, and the Earl of Lathom.

Bro. Beach, in responding, said he was extremely sorry that he was the only representative of the brethren named in the toast, but he was very glad that in the unavoidable absence of the Grand Master there was one who could take his place. As allusion had been made to the labours of

Mark Grand Masters in the past; he could assure the brethren that in former years Mark Masters had no light difficulties to contend with, for there was every discouragement thrown in the way of Mark Masonry some years ago, and it was extremely difficult for them to bear up against it. Still they did, and according to the opportunities they had, they did their best. It was not likely that such an institution could be easily dislodged, and working hard, as the brethren did, they became recognised in every Masonic quarter, till at last they obtained their present proud position, and were acknowledged in every quarter of the globe where Masonry was known. He had travelled in different countries, and had seen a great want of organisation in Mark Masonry. In some countries the Grand Lodge presided over it; in other countries the Grand Chapter was the superior authority. This Grand Lodge sprang into existence from the fact of Lodges meeting together and forming themselves into a Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of England was caused by similar circumstances. Mark Masons had, therefore, an equal right to form themselves into a Grand Lodge. Allusion had been made to the labours of the Past Grand Masters, but there was one brother to whom justice ought to be done. That brother, the Rev. George Raymond Portal, was unavoidably absent, but it was due to his energy that the great difficulties and discouragements had been overcome, and the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons established on a firm basis. The other Past Masters would disclaim any wish to compete with him for the honours which were due to his position. They were all greatly indebted to him, and they might fairly congratulate themselves on the position which Mark Masonry had taken. He was exceedingly glad to have been present that day, and he thanked all the Mark brethren of West Yorkshire for their splendid hospitality and for the grand attendance there had been. When he was Grand Master the Moveable Grand Lodge was held at Hull, and there was a magnificent reception. He was very glad that the institution of a Moveable Grand Mark Lodge had been kept up. Ever since it was started it had succeeded, and by that means the working of Mark Masonry in different parts of England had, he thought, improved. He again thanked the brethren for their magnificent reception of the Grand Lodge, and he hoped it would be productive of benefit and prosperity to the Order.

Bro. Beach next proposed "The Earl of Kintore, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers."

"The health of the Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, Bro. J. W. Woodall," was proposed by Bro. Matier.

Bro. J. W. Woodall responded. It was a pleasure, he said, to find himself among his brethren of West Yorkshire. He had been advanced to the degree in a Lodge at Bradford, where he also was admitted a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. In Scarborough particularly they seemed to be an annexe of the West Riding, dependent on an influx of visitors from that part of the county so much that he almost thought they were not quite so much an agriculturist's district as an offshoot of a great industrial centre of the county. He was exceedingly pleased to be present and receive at the hands of the Worshipful Master the distinction that had been conferred on him. He trusted he should be able to discharge his duties with satisfaction to the whole of the brethren over whom he had been called to rule. If the brethren of Yorkshire worked shoulder to shoulder it mattered not whether they came from the east or the west. They had done it before, and they would do it again.

Bro. Beach proposed "The W.M. of the Britannia Lodge," and expressed the great pleasure he had experienced in seeing the ceremonies so ably carried out as they had been that day. The work had been done perfectly, and that work testified to the great interest the brethren had taken in the Order. The W.M. and the brethren who supported him were all perfect in their work, and it was but just to them that their ability should be recognised. He was glad that the W.M. entered on his year of office with such promise, if what they seen that day was an omen of success in the future. The Grand Lodge owed the brethren a great debt of gratitude for the way in which they had consulted their convenience, and endeavoured to make the visit to Sheffield pleasant and agreeable.

Bro. Gatty W.M. Britannia Lodge responded, and was pleased on behalf of the Sheffield brethren that the reception had met with the approbation of the Grand Lodge. He did not claim to himself any credit for the success of

the meeting, although he was exceedingly proud to have entertained such an assemblage. The Sheffield brethren had hardly anticipated it, though they had endeavoured to bring it about. He was sure that what had taken place that day would be an incitement to the Sheffield brethren to forward the interests of Freemasonry. The day had really been a red-letter day for Masonry in the Province.

Other toasts followed.

In the course of the evening a vote of condolence was passed to Mrs. Garfield, the widow of the late Brother President Garfield, in her affliction.

Before the proceedings terminated, the Grand Master in the chair proposed, and Bro. Reaney seconded, a vote of thanks to the firm of Messrs. John Brown & Co. for their kindness in allowing an inspection of their works by the brethren, who had expressed their high appreciation of the instructive visit of the morning.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 1817.

ON Friday, the 16th instant, the Annual Installation Dinner of this Lodge took place at the Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness, having been postponed from last month on account of the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. The brethren assembled in the Lodge room at three o'clock p.m., and after all business had been disposed of, Lodge was closed. At five o'clock the members and visitors sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by the host, Bro. J. Ayling, under the gen'l presidency of Bro. J. M. Farr, the Worshipful Master. The following Officers of the Lodge were present:—Worshipful Bro. J. G. Glasscock Prov. Grand S.B. Immediate Past Master; Bros. C. Floyd Sen. Warden, H. Church Jun. Warden, W. C. Eltham P.M. P.P.G.P. Treasurer, J. W. Harris P.M. 1000 P.P.A.G.D.C. Secretary, S. Turner S.D., J. Taylor jun. J.D., J. A. Wardell P.M. 160 and 1000 P.Z. 1000 P.P.G.D. D.C., E. D. Bacon Organist, J. Ayling I.G., H. Gunnell Steward. The other members of the Lodge who attended being:—W. Bros. Albert Lucking P.M. 166 and 1000 P.Z. 1000 P.G.D.C., W. Capt. Wm. Smith Cox P.M. 1000 P.P.G.S.B., W. Rev. H. J. Hatch P.M. 160 P.Z. 1000 P.P.G. Chaplain, W. G. Berry W.M. 1000, J. N. Carey, A. W. Pettv, W. Y. Ogden, and W. Kirkwood. While the visitors included—W. Bros. Captain Weston P.M. 1356 M.E.Z. P.G.S.B. Kent, William Pissey P.M. 160 and 1734 P.P.J.G.W. M.E.Z. 1000, F. G. Green P.M. 276 and 1024 P.P.S.G.W., D. J. Wright W.M. 1024, J. F. Harrington I.P.M. 160 P.G.P., H. Harper W.M. 160; Bros. W. Kilpin S.D. 160, J. F. Barrett S.W. 1000, Sidney Smith I.G. 1734, L. Warren jun. 1000, &c. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured; these were interspersed with music and singing, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. During the evening a valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. of the Lodge.

The Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321.—For Master Masons (recently formed) has removed to Bro. B. H. Swallow's, the "Goat and Star," Swallow Street, Regent's Street, W. At the first meeting in this house on Wednesday, the 7th inst., the following members were present, viz: Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.M. P.G.P. presiding as W.M., Forrest S.W. 1321 as S.W., Kirkaldy as J.W., G. F. Swan P.M. 1321 Hon. Sec., F. T. Edgington W.M. 1321, G. Willson J.W. 1321, Fendick S.D. 1321, H. Reed P.M. 733, Smith P.M., B. H. Swallow P.M. 1563. It was proposed and seconded "That the future meetings of the Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321, be held at the above house every Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. At a meeting held in the same house on Wednesday the 14th September, the above resolution was confirmed. On this occasion there were present Bros. G. Willson W.M., Kirkaldy S.W., H. W. Percy J.W., Cottebrune P.G.P. as Preceptor, G. F. Swan Hon. Sec., Forrest, E. J. Scott, and the following brethren, who were elected members, Bros. J. Docker W.M. 1687, Dean W.M. 1900, Shand W.M. 1563, Percy 1853, Boyell 1321, Richmond 975, B. H. Swallow P.M. 382 1563, Jones 27, F. Green 1687. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, and some of the sections in the first and second degrees were worked. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. Docker on the last Wednesday in this month. Brethren being Master Masons are invited to join. Customary Lodge of Instruction fees.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on 20th inst. Present Bros. Pavitt W.M., Johnson S.W., Power J.W., Smith S.D., Prosser J.D., Roddam I.G., Smith Acting Preceptor, also Bros. T. Cope, Day, Bourne, Willoughby, &c. Lodge being regularly opened, Bro. T. Cope answered the necessary questions, and being entrusted, Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M. Lodge was closed to the first degree, and Bro. Johnson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when sections only will be worked. The Lodge was regularly closed and adjourned to Tuesday, 27th inst.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—A meeting was held at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall Street, E.C., on Thursday, 22nd September, when there was a good attend-

ance of brethren. The ceremony of Installation will be worked on Thursday next, 29th inst., by Bro. H. J. Lardner W.M. Farringdon Without, 1745. The Lodge will be opened at 6.30 p.m.; all brethren interested in working are cordially invited to be present.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—Met after the recess on Thursday, 22nd inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W. Present:—Bros. J. E. Shand W.M., J. Hancock as S.W., J. Waugh J.W., W. Smith as S.D., A. J. Hammond J.D., T. Eastgate I.G., Hoare Organist, B. H. Swallow P.M. Treasurer, C. A. Cotterbrone P.G.P., E. S. Scott Secretary, B. Turner P.M., F. C. Benham, J. Edell, H. E. Benham, A. Stovens, Köhler, Moreton, and others. Visitors—Bros. B. Lomere W.M. 193, J. Blundell W.M. 742, J. Murley P.M. 1257. The business comprised the confirming the minutes of Lodge meeting of 28th April, and also Lodge of Emergency of 30th June 1881. Bros. Durant and Newman were raised to the degree of M.M., Bro. Brander was passed, and Mr. C. Radcliffe initiated. In the election of W.M. Bro. Waugh J.W. was chosen. Bro. Shand was unanimously elected Treasurer, upon the resignation of Bro. Swallow. The Bye-Laws were read; Auditors appointed, and Trustees elected to the Benevolent Fund. A Past Master's jewel and collar was voted to the W.M. for his services in the chair. The brethren afterwards dined at the Café Royal, when the usual toasts were honoured.

Lodge of Israel, No. 1502.—The first meeting of this Lodge after the summer vacation took place on Monday, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, where there was a large gathering of brethren. Bro. S. J. Henochsberg W.M. presided, and he was supported by a full complement of P.M.'s and Officers, there being also present numerous visitors from other Lodges. The business of the evening embraced the second degree, which was most admirably given by the W.M., assisted by his efficient staff of Officers. On the motion of Bro. H. A. Tobias I.P.M., seconded by Bro. R. Robinson P.M. P.P.G.R., and supported by Bro. M. Aronsberg S.W., a substantial sum was voted from the funds of the Lodge in aid of the widow of a deceased brother of the Alliance Lodge, No. 667, Bro. Bucknall J.W., stating that the sum of £110 had already been raised for the relief of the widow whose case had been brought forward. A note was read from Bro. B. Levy D.C., acknowledging receipt of a letter of sympathy from the members of the Lodge in connection with a recent family bereavement. The S.W. (Bro. Aronsberg) reported that the sum of £30 had lately been voted from the Fund of Benevolence attached to the Lodge in aid of a distressed brother. During the after-banquet proceedings a very valuable gilt drawing-room clock and vases, accompanied by an illuminated address embodying sentiments of a truly fraternal nature, were presented, to Bro. S. J. Henochsberg W.M. as a marriage gift, subscribed for by brethren of the Lodge of Israel. The presentation was made in excellent terms by Bro. H. A. Tobias I.P.M., and most suitably acknowledged by the Worshipful Master. It may be stated that Bro. Henochsberg was also presented on the occasion of his marriage with a handsome dining-room marble clock and emblazoned address by the employes of the firm with which he is connected (Messrs. Henochsberg and Ellis).

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 15th inst., at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing. Present:—Bros. J. Green W.M., W. Seward S.W., C. Bellerby J.W., H. E. Tucker Treasurer, J. Wells Secretary, C. O. Walter J.D., C. Andrews P.M. I.G., H. Kasner P.M., Bros. J. W. Woolmer, Gasson, E. C. Porter, E. T. Brown, J. J. Clarke, Cunningham. Business:—The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. J. W. Woolmer answered the questions leading to second degree. Lodge was opened in second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. J. W. Woolmer candidate. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. On an intimation made by Bro. Preceptor Tucker, it was agreed to invite Bro. Morgan to read one of his papers on Freemasonry, at this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. W. Seward was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was closed and the meeting adjourned.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 12th instant, at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, E. Present:—Bros. Wooding W.M., Loane S.W., Hubbard J.W., Barnes Treasurer, Stewart Honorary Secretary, Clements S.D., Cook J.D., Hammond I.G.; also Bros. Johnson, Wheatly, Austen, Scheerboom, Sturtevant, Brittain. Visitor—Bro. Moore P.M. 20. Lodge opened in due form. Bro. Brittain, as candidate for the second degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. It was proposed by Bro. Barnes, and seconded by Bro. Stewart, that Bro. T. Wooding act as Preceptor pro tem. This was carried unanimously, and then Lodge was closed in due form.

On Monday, 19th instant, Bros. Cundick W.M., Clements S.W., C. Kendall J.W., Barnes I.G., T. Wooding Preceptor, Stewart Honorary Secretary; also Bros. Andrews and Johnson. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of the third degree, Bro. Johnson acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Clements was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. T. Wooding having been now installed Preceptor of the Lodge, let us hope the brethren at the East of London will give him their warm support.

Crusaders Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677.—At the meeting of this Lodge, held at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Thursday, 15th September. There were present Bros. F. Rothschild W.M.,

T. Pingston S.W., J. Fletcher J.W., J. Rothschild S.D., S. Rushton J.D., S. W. Reddall I.G., Robert D. Cummings Preceptor, George H. Calderwood Treasurer, Harold Halliday Secretary, and other brethren. Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed with the exception of the minute referring to the alteration of the time of meeting of the Lodge. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed by Bro. F. Rothschild P.M. 1288 and W.M. elect of the mother Lodge, Bro. Calderwood being candidate. Only those brethren who have had the pleasure of hearing Bro. Rothschild's working can know how excellently this was done, and the hearty thanks it elicited. The Lodge was then called off. On being called on, Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed in the same effective manner, Bro. Bvass acting as candidate. The Lodge was then resumed in the second degree, when Bro. Pingston was unanimously chosen W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed Officers in rotation. This ending the business of the evening, the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned until Thursday at 8.30.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1698.—On Monday, at the Canonbury Tavern, Islington, N. Bros. P.M. Pearey W.M., Westfield S.W., Defriez J.W., Jordan S.D., Snook J.D., Seeley I.G., P.M. Trewinnard Preceptor, R. P. Forge Secretary; Past Masters Killick sen., Killick jun., Fenner, Gilham, Osborn W.M. 1602, Clemens W.M. 1310; Bros. Hall, Thompson, Woodman, Longhurst, Guier, Lynn, Speedy, Bird, Rowley, Powell, Jones, Aynsley, Morgan, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Powell offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the third degree; he answered the necessary questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed to the second degree, when Bro. Morgan read a paper on the "Schism in English Masonry." Bro. Westfield was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Morgan for his interesting paper, and the further compliment of honorary membership was conferred on him. After this had been suitably acknowledged, Lodge was closed.

A YORKSHIRE MUSICAL RELIC.—Mr. Willcocks, of 78 Isledon Road, Finsbury Park, London, has acquired a very valuable old harpsichord, manufactured by Messrs. Longman and Broderip, the predecessors in the last century of Messrs. Collard and Collard. The instrument, which is on private view at Neumeyer Hall, Bloomsbury, London, is in highest state of preservation, and it seems to be one of the best specimens of harpsichord we have inspected. Its history is known, and it can be traced back through the Yorkshire family in whose possession it has been for nearly a century. The tradition is that it originally cost £300. The harpsichord has three separate actions, and four expressive stops, "lute," "harp," "guitar," and "forte," and it is of five octaves. It is also provided with a Venetian swell. The inscription on the name-plate is "Longman and Broderip, musical instrument makers, No. 20 Cheapside, and 13 Haymarket, London." Under the keys is stamped the name F. Culliford, Fountain Court, London, and the date 1785. The instrument is in full working order, and for pianoforte show rooms, museums, or other suitable places few finer specimens could be obtained of a time when the harpsichord was fast being supplanted by the rapidly rising "forte piano".—*Musical Trades' Review.*

DINING ROOM CARS ON THE MIDLAND RAILWAY.—Encouraged by the success which has attended the introduction of dining room cars on the Great Northern Railway, the Midland Railway Company have decided to follow in the same direction. They intend to place a dining room car on all their express trains running between London, Manchester, and Liverpool. These cars are to be made by the Pullman Palace Car Company. The same company are making several new palace cars for the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway. Since the Brighton tragedy the demands made upon the Pullman car accommodation have been so great as to be in excess of what is at present at the disposal of the company. The directors have consequently decided to run a train each way every day to be composed entirely of Pullman cars.

Bro. Peyton S. Coles, the W.G.M. Virginia, with reference to the forthcoming ceremonial to be held at Yorktown, Va., has issued the following invitation to the Grand Masters of the Thirteen States originally comprised in the Union.

GRAND LODGE OF VIRGINIA, A.Y.M.

Grand Master's Office,

Richmond, 1st August 1881.

Most Worshipful and Dear Sir,—The Centennial Anniversary of the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown has been deemed a fit occasion for the erection of a monument by the United States Government to commemorate that event. The Grand Lodge of Virginia has been invited to perform the ceremony of laying the corner-stone. That duty will be discharged on the 18th day of October next, and it is the earnest wish of all the brethren in Virginia that their sister Grand Lodges should participate, through their respective Grand Masters, in the honour and the privilege.

You are, therefore, most respectfully and cordially invited to be present on the occasion, and to assist us in the grateful office devolved upon us.

We will be much gratified to hear of your acceptance, at your earliest convenience.

I am,

Truly and fraternally yours,

PEYTON S. COLES G.M.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road N., at 8 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1670—Henry Mugggeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
R.A. 304—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1462—Wharnclyffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst

MONDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER.

- 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
145—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquiss of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)

- 49—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet 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.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1446—Mount Edgecombe, 19 Fernyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (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 Myddleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st., rd., at 8 (In.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.)
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

WEDNESDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER.

- 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crown-dale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
867—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Conts. Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junction, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)

- 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1095—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Ezerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton

THURSDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael's, 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)

- 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1158—Southern Star, 108 Blackfriars-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (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.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)

- 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
236—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)

FRIDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, 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., Wandsworth-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (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)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 8. (In)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
153—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

SATURDAY, 1st OCTOBER.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zealand, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1213—Amberst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

STAR IN THE EAST, No. 650.

THE annual festival of this Lodge was held at the Pier Hotel, Harwich, on the 13th inst., and passed off with great éolat. The popular W.M. Bro. T. H. Jennings P.G.J.D. had been again elected to preside over the Lodge, and the ceremony of his re-installation was impressively performed by W. Bro. Alfred Welch P.M. 51 P.P.J.G.W. The Officers for the year were then appointed and invested as follows:—Bros. W. Basham P.P.G.S.B. Essex I.P.M., R. Clowes S.W., H. Everard J.W., Rev. E. Sullivan Chaplain, W. Groom Treasurer, L. M. Saunders Secretary, S. J. Newton S.D., J. R. Watson J.D., T. Dunn I.G., B. Hutchinson D.C., C. R. Salter Organist, A. D'Wil Steward, R. Barlow Tyler. About forty brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet, excellently served à la Russe by Bro. Rule, the host, the following being the menu:—

YE WHEETE.

Lyttel Anchovie Fishes with ye Olives of Spain served therewith.

YE SOUPE.

Soupe made with ye Oystere,
And alsoe soupe made with ye Taile of ye Ox.

YE FISHE.

Ye Turbotte of ye Sea boyled and Sauce of the Lobstere.

Ye lyttel Soles fylleted, served with ye White Sauce.

YE FLESHE AND FOWL.

Ducks curiously cooked after ye French mannere.

Ye Kydneys of ye Sheepe stewed in riche Wine.

Chickens boyled and servyd with the Tongue of the Ox.

Ye English Beefe and light Pudyngs.

Then will be served on this occasiōe

Ye Hauuche of ye Deere, alsoe

Ye Partrydges and ye lyttel Hares.

YE SWEETES, ETC.

Ye Pudyngs known as ye Cabinette.

Varyous Fruytes stewed with Sugare.

Pudynges Iced after ye Nessolrode mannere.

Divers Fruytes which are your Dessertes, and ye Wines of

Champayne and manie outlandish countrees.

Ye Banquette is served after ye manner of the Russian people.

Ye Brethrenne are bydden to eat after ye Hungarie mannere.

During the evening the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a first-class musical programme was carried out by Bros. Turle Lee, R. E. Gaye, R. Clowes, and J. J. C. Turner. Among the visitors present were W. Bros. W. Richey W.M. 51, J. J. C. Turner I.P.M. 51, A. Welch P.M. 51, J. P. Lewin W.M. 276, Capt. Richey P.M. 1780, John Dean W.M. 433, J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Secretary 433, W. S. Ling P.M. 433, James Nicholls P.M. and Sec. 276, A. Gosling W.M. 697, T. Eustace P.M. 697, F. R. Hales 34, Rev. E. H. Crato P.M. 697, Thos. Rix P.M. 697, T. G. Mills S.W. 697.

Burdett Lodge of Instruction, No. 1287.—Held at the Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal Green Junction, on Monday last. Bros. Startevant W.M., Chitson S.W., Clements J.W., Clark S.D., Britain J.D., Musto P.M. Preceptor pro tem., and Hon Secretary; Bros. Anderson, Stewart, Wooding, &c. Lodge opened, minutes read and confirmed. Lodge opened in second degree, and Brother Anderson answered the questions leading to the third, and in due course was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. W.M. closed the Lodge in the third and second degrees. Brother Clarke worked the first and second section of the first lecture. Brother Chitson was elected W.M. for next week.

SPHINX LODGE No. 1329.

THE members of this popular Lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Saturday afternoon. There was a large attendance both of members and visitors. The esteemed W.M. Bro. B. R. Bryant was supported by his Officers, with but one exception, and the reason of this brother's absence was afterwards explained. Among those present were Bros. Percival A. Nairne P.M. D.C., Mansell J.W., A. Middleman S.D., J. Hernaman Secretary, A. Stribling Organist, J. J. Brinton I.G., H. Forbes and W. L. Permewan Stewards. Among the P.M.'s were Bros. Bickerton, B. Lyon, J. Sagden, H. Martin, and H. Bickerstaff. The Visitors were Bros. A. C. Bradley P.M. 1669, Allen P.M. 1158, F. Dunn P.M. 72, and Docey P.M. 176; also Bros. T. and G. Nettleship, Crichton 1641. After the Lodge had been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Brinton then appealed to the W.M., soliciting his advice as to whether he was in order by going outside the Lodge previous to the introduction of a candidate to be initiated, passed, or raised. The W.M. replied that a Deacon would be commissioned to attend outside, therefore the I.G. would not be required to do so. Bros. Chabot, Anstey and Brooks were then raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being impressively performed, the W.M. being assisted by P.M. Nairne. Afterwards Bros. Noble and G. Nettleship (of the Crichton Lodge) were passed, Bro. Voisey W.M. thereof being in the chair. Mr. Walter John Brooks was then initiated by the W.M. of the Lodge. P.M. Bickerton proposed that the following brethren should be the Audit Committee for the ensuing year, namely, W. Andrews, Dr. Gross, and J. C. Bradley, which was carried unanimously. At this moment Bro. Richards S.W. assumed the duties of his office, and stated that a severe accident to a member of his family had been the cause of his absence. The brethren sympathised with him, inasmuch as several untoward circumstances have occurred to him recently, notably some bereavements in his family. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. Bro. Richards S.W. was unanimously chosen. Bro. Nairne proposed a resolution, of which he had given notice, "That a Past Master's jewel and collar be presented to Bro. B. R. Bryant W.M., in recognition of able services to the Lodge during his year of office." This was carried unanimously. Bro. G. Harrison was, for the tenth year, chosen Tyler. The labours of the afternoon having been completed, an adjournment was made to an adjoining room, in which Bro. Slawson, of 736 Old Kent-road, had prepared a *recherché* repast, which was much appreciated and commended. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and patriotic toast was given. Then followed the health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales, the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand Officers past and present. The names being introduced in eloquent terms by the W.M., and the toasts heartily pledged. Bro. B. Lyon I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M.; he remarked that the past year had been a prosperous one to the Lodge. The W.M. had been present whenever the Lodge had met; in addition, he had discharged the important duties associated with his office in a manner that had redounded to the credit of the Lodge, and to the honour of himself. As they were all aware he could not be seen among them after his term of office expired, for the reason that he would reside north of the Tweed, where duty called him, and whenever and wherever duty called, obedience should be the result. It would be idle for him (the speaker) to add that the hearty good wishes of all the brethren would accompany him to his new home, and not only those of this Lodge, but those of all who had had the pleasure of being acquainted with him. Their W.M. had filled every office in the Lodge with consummate ability and dignity, and the sweet remembrance of the past would no doubt cheer his heart, when among the heather, the blocks, and the Highlands. May a long and happy life be in store for him, and amid new scenes and faces may the Great Architect direct him in all his undertakings! The toast having been pledged in a bumper, the W.M. responded. He would not admit that he deserved the encomiums passed upon him by P.M. Lyon. What could he have done without the co-operation of his Officers? than whom their betters could not be found. It was true that he had attended the Lodge on every occasion during his year of office. He had that day come from Dublin to be present, as he had on several previous occasions, and indeed a greater distance than that. But duty called him, and that was enough for him. Without fear of contradiction he could assert that with the ready and able aid of his Officers, his year of office had been an unclouded one. He would assume no credit of his own, but he would avail himself of that opportunity to thank one and all for their courtesy to him on every occasion, and for the kind and acceptable counsels given to him from time to time. His predecessors had been indeed "wise Master Masons," and as regards ability he could only follow them at a distance. He regretted that the affairs of life, over which he had no control, had destined him for another sphere of labour and residence, but the memories associated with the Sphinx Lodge would be cherished in his heart for ever. He anticipated the pleasure of being present on many future occasions; distance would not be a hindrance. If time permitted, he would often be among them, and he hoped that a continual accession of members would place the Lodge on a more solid foundation than even it stood at that moment, although now nominally and financially it was beyond all their expectations compared with what it had been in times past. To one and all he bade a hearty farewell. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the initiate, Mr. W. J. Brooks, who responded in a well-considered speech. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the next toast—The Visitors—remarked it afforded him great pleasure to be surrounded by brethren from other Lodges. At that moment there were several visitors in their midst, who had been "men of mark" in their respective Lodges, and who had studied Freemasonry with edification to themselves and benefit to others. As regarded Bro. G. Nettleship, it was well known that he had recently returned home from the Cape of Good Hope; he had been initiated in the Crichton

Lodge, and that afternoon had been passed in the Sphinx, by the respected Master of the former Lodge, who performed the ceremony in a manner peculiar to himself. This brother intended returning to Africa within a few days, and therefore would not go as a Master Mason after all, as time did not permit. He would return, however, a wiser and better man for all that. When he (the W.M.) looked round and saw such men as Bros. Dunn, Brady, and Docey, he felt how far he was behind them. The toast was then duly honoured. Bro. P.M. F. Dunn, in acknowledging the compliment, said he much regretted that pressure on his time prevented him from being present during the whole of the afternoon. He had, however, witnessed a great amount of the labour, which had been carried out in a manner that would have reflected credit on any Lodge. All the Officers were conversant with their duties, and, moreover, they knew how to discharge them with efficiency. A great deal depended on that. He had been their guest on former occasions, and therefore could form an opinion that a spirit of progression was alive in the Lodge, and the Sphinx in every respect was on a par with any kindred Lodge that could be named. No doubt visiting brethren viewed Lodges outside their own from a different standpoint to that selected by the members thereof, but he could assert that it would afford him much pleasure to know that every Lodge was in all respects equal to the Sphinx. The health of the Worshipful Master elect, the Past Masters, and Officers followed, and each was cordially pledged. The Stewards were applauded for the zeal they displayed, and the Tyler's toast concluded the labours and refreshment of an afternoon which will be long remembered by those present.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday last, the 17th instant. Bros. J. A. Powell W.M., Gillham S.W., E. Woodman J.W., Percy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary. Spencer S.D., Kent J.D., E. Payne I.G.; also Bros. Brasted, I. P. Cohen, C. Lorkin, J. Lorkin, Snare, R. Defriez, Fysh, Bird, Gibbs, Weeden, Wolf, D. Moss, A. M. Marks, G. A. Davis, Parkes, Perl, F. W. Jones, Stroud, Rothschild sen. and J. Everett. The usual preliminaries were duly observed, and minutes read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced a degree, and Bro. Perl gave evidence of his proficiency as a F.C. and was duly entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a most excellent manner by the W.M., who gave the traditional history, Bro. Perl acting as candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed to the first degree. Bros. J. G. Davis Joppa Lodge 188, E. Payne Sir Hugh Muddelton Lodge 1602, and John Everett Henry Muggerridge Lodge 1697 were elected members. Bro. Gillham was duly elected to preside at the next meeting. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston, on 20th instant. Bro. Wallington W.M., A. Clark S.W., T. Clark J.W., Cushing S.D., Boyce J.D., Christian I.G., Lorkin Secretary, Brasted Acting Preceptor, Smyth Treasurer, also Bros. Wardell, Allen, Forss, Baker, Olley, Dignam, Gosling, Banker, Greenwood, Jones, Holdsworth, and others. After preliminaries Bro. Wardell, as a candidate for the third degree, was entrusted; the Lodge was opened in the third degree, when Bro. Wardell was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Bro. Forss worked the third section of the third lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and after resuming Masonic duties, the W.M. worked the ceremony of installation, installing Bro. E. Dignam into the chair of K.S. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, the W.M. invested his Officers. Bro. Wallington, the Worthy Preceptor, then gave the addresses in his usual able manner. Bro. Banker, of Lodge 1158, was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. A. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, Officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

King Harold Lodge, No. 1327.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 15th inst., at the Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town. Present—Bros. John Fisher W.M., John Noyes S.W., John Robinson J.W., Thomas Reilly Secretary, William Lewis S.D., W. A. Sproat J.D., Joseph Gaskell D.C., S. J. Woolley Steward, George Holdsworth I.G., Page Tyler Past Masters Bros. Charles Lacey, W. Gilbert, T. Reilly, J. Knight, J. Gaskell, S. Jacobs. Visitor—Bro. F. Drummond P.M. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. A discussion ensued on various Lodge matters.



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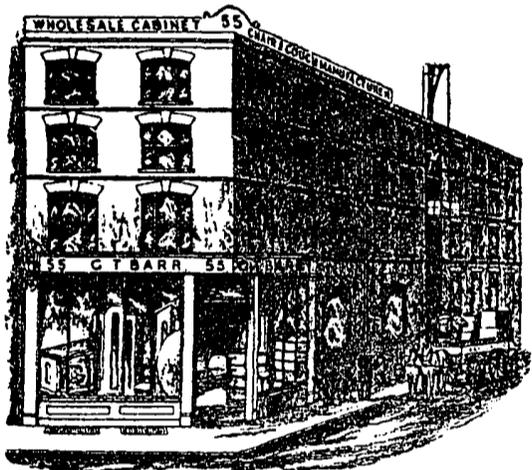
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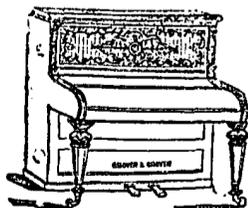
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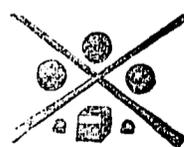
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