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TRADING ON MASONRY.

THE despicable practice of business advertising by the display of emblems rightly belonging to the Masonic Craft, but freely adopted—in a modified form, certainly—by spurious imitators, has more than once called for reproof in these columns; and we have lately received letters from various correspondents bearing on the same subject. But the system so unworthily adopted has long been understood and deprecated by thinking Masons, who form a majority of the customers whom these specious traders hope to catch. Over and over again it has been scathingly exposed and held up to public ridicule, and the only wonder is that, after all that has been written and said upon the matter, so many are found to cling to a practice which would be scouted in Lodge as it is everywhere outside. The cases named in a recent letter by our correspondent "Q.," who complained of members of the Craft decorating their shops and places of business with so much of its insignia as the Square and Compasses, the Level, the Plumb-rule, &c., are but a few of the objectionable artifices resorted to, we are sorry to say, by those who profess and call themselves Masons. Still, on the other hand, it must not be forgotten that since those signs were adopted by our Ancient and Honourable Institution, imitators have sprung up in great numbers, while virtually and in fact only friendly and benefit societies, who yet seek to attract to themselves a certain degree of that symbolic interest which attaches to Freemasonry. It is not our wish or province to speak in any way disparagingly of the great "Orders" and "Unities" that have sprung into being within the last half a century, whose aim it is to inculcate habits of thrift, forethought, and providence, especially among the poorer classes, and the result of whose labours has undoubtedly been to relieve a vast amount of human suffering and distress. But they have nearly all appropriated in a greater or less degree the allegorical symbols with which Masonry is veiled, and they do not shrink from using them, as Artemus Ward would say, "in reckless profusion." We venture to think, if our correspondents, who entertain so justifiable a repugnance to the illegitimate use of these emblems, would only enquire a little deeper, they would discover that in a very great majority of cases the appearance of the Square and Compasses, &c. outside public-houses, denote merely the headquarters or branches of the friendly societies to which we refer, while we may be charitable enough to imagine that a similar display made by the chemist is but a guide-post to the members of such "Lodges," or "Courts" as to where they may find the medical advice and medicine to which they are entitled in case of need. Unquestionably the practice, which is stigmatised as indecorous in our own Institution, and very properly so, is deemed no offence against the rules of some other societies; indeed, we have reason to believe that it is regarded in precisely the opposite way, and considered an expression of loyalty and desire to promote the interests of those clubs, who enter into such eager, though friendly, rivalry to increase the number of their members. The pity is that the founders of these societies should have so admired the symbols of our Craft as to have adopted them in their entirety and without alteration; but in this they were no doubt actuated by the desire to surround themselves with some of the halo of secrecy and importance which has always attached to the Masonic Fraternity. Be that as it may, we are inclined to the belief that a very large number of cases of

"trading on Masonry" which have raised the just ire of our correspondents are the acts, not of Masons, but of the members of other crafts. We are painfully obliged, however, to qualify that assertion by admitting, that not a few instances are on record of flagrant attempts at trade "puffing" by brethren who seem to have forgotten that they were prompted to join the Order by no "mercenary or other unworthy motives." A man who seeks participation in the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry makes that solemn declaration in one of the earliest stages of his advance along the chequered floor; and if he afterwards copies the servile custom of which complaint is made, the most charitable conclusion we can arrive at is that he must have forgotten the sublime ceremony of his initiation, and become dead to those pure sentiments which he professed when he first crossed the threshold of his Lodge. Not many years ago we exposed the mean attempt of a firm of wine merchants who unblushingly forwarded to the various Lodges in the Metropolis, and we believe the Provinces as well, copies of their trade circular, couched in much of the parlance of the Craft, and offering to sell wines, &c., for the festive uses of the brethren, at a very much lower scale of prices than could be reasonably expected at the ordinary assemblies in the Fourth Degree. But the touters had reckoned without their host, and the advertising spiders who, as they thought, so adroitly invited the Masonic flies to walk into their parlours, were met with such a scowl of disapprobation, and received such a drubbing, as will prove an effectual bar to any repeated indiscretion of the kind. We have known other cases in which attempts to obtain business by the display of symbols and allusions to the Brotherhood have been equally scouted, and it is devoutly to be hoped they will ever be so whenever men are found to insinuate themselves into our Order—as they do into every institution and society—with the unscrupulous and avaricious aim of making it a handle for the promotion of their personal aggrandisement. The world despises the sycophant who parades his hypocrisy in church or chapel for the sake of unholy gain; and Masons who are true to the sublime and sacred tenets of their creed should treat these reptiles of greediness with no less favour. We are disposed to think that Masons, rather than being drawn towards such establishments as expose these emblems, will, as some of our correspondents suggest, give them a wide berth. We have heard many brethren, both in and out of Lodge, assert that, whereas they would otherwise have been pleased to give a brother "a turn" in business, they have been entirely dissuaded and disgusted by the display of Masonic quackery on shop front, sign board, trade card and circular in which some persons indulge. There is one tendency of such in practice, and one which obviously cannot be very advantageous to those who adopt it, and that is, it may attract to them the increasing number of those equally unscrupulous Masons and impostors who live upon charity. If this is the effect of the flaunting of Masonic emblems, we can only wish the offenders joy of their bargain. The complaints we are constantly receiving of those predatory brethren who trade on Masonry, in the lowest and most abject sense, are by no means lessened, but rather fostered, by the principle which stimulates and encourages this unworthy practice. The man who makes cadging his trade loses sight of no artifice by which to obtain the object of his desires; and we know of no bait likely to excite the risibilities of a Masonic tramp so much as the glittering display of those emblems which

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were once an object of reverence, but now, to his depraved mind, the spring from which he may extort black-mail almost at will. We fail, therefore, to see what advantage the system can be to a Freemason—whatever it may be to others; for while on the one hand it causes the very men whom they strive to catch as customers to hold aloof, on the other it tends to breed a class of loafers who, it must be admitted, have foisted their unwelcome presence upon the ranks of Masonry, though perhaps not to quite so large an extent as upon those of every other institution in the world. A careful and judicious note taken in individual Lodges of those who adopt this nefarious system of trading, and an equally careful avoidance of dealing with such brethren, would speedily cure the evil which now rests as a blot and a slur upon the social system of the Masonic Craft.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

AS will be seen from the agenda paper we publish in another part of our columns, the business that will come before Grand Lodge on Wednesday next is of unusual importance. Not the least important, however, is Bro. Raynham Stewart's resolution, which has already been once accepted by Grand Lodge, to the effect that an additional grant of £800 per annum be made to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £300 to the Male Fund, and £500 to the Female Fund, thus equalising the grants to the two Funds. It will of course be in the recollection of our readers that in December last Bro. Raynham Stewart's motion to this end was carried unanimously, the only change in the wording of his resolution being that the money should be provided out of the General Purposes Fund, instead of being apportioned equally between that and the Fund of Benevolence, as was originally proposed. In March Bro. Philbrick P.G.D. and Deputy P.G.M. Essex moved, that so much of the minutes of the December Communication as referred to the motion of Bro. Stewart should be non-confirmed, and the motion was carried; a Committee, consisting of Bros. Raynham Stewart, General Brownrigg P.G.M. Surrey, Lieut.-Colonel Creaton Grand Treasurer, Sir John B. Monckton President of the Board of General Purposes, and Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, being subsequently appointed to inquire into and report upon the funds of Grand Lodge, and the income it derives therefrom. Many, no doubt, will suggest that the services of a Board of General Purposes may very well be dispensed with, if, with an elaborate system of accounts, duly audited by a professional accountant, it is incapable of stating roughly whether or not the Funds of Grand Lodge, with an average annual balance of income over expenditure to the extent of over £4,000, is competent to endure the additional outlay of £800 annually. A schoolboy who has just had his first lesson in the rule of three would solve so simple a problem off hand, but the collective wisdom of our said Board of General Purposes is unequal to the occasion. A Committee of Enquiry, consisting of our worthy brethren, who know as little about arithmetic as Jumbo does about Latin, must needs be appointed, and after three months of most laborious work, they have arrived at the conclusion that, "at the present time Grand Lodge is in receipt of an average nett income of about £4,000, which is, however, liable to considerable fluctuations in proportion to the number of admissions of members into the Order, and from various other causes." The exact meaning of the Report is not, perhaps, as clear as it might be, and we can only suppose the Committee intend to convey to the Craft the idea that after it has cleared all its expenses Grand Lodge has a balance in hand of over £4,000 a year. This, if we have interpreted it correctly, is in accordance with our own views. The accounts for the Quarter ended 31st December 1881 show receipts to the extent of £6,854 1s 6d, including a balance brought forward of £4,087 16s 8d, the expenditure being no more than £1,609 17s 10d, so that the balance left in hand was £5,244 3s 8d. Now, fluctuations apart, one quarter will be as well as another in guiding the curious brother. At all events, in the three months of 1881, the Board of General Purposes received upwards of £2,500, or at the rate of £10,000 per annum; and it must be borne in mind that of this sum close on £1,000 was income derived from rents and investments.

On the other hand the expenditure was, in round figures, £1,600, or at the rate per annum of £6,400. Consequently the balance in hand, on this calculation, must be quite £3,600. Under these circumstances we doubt if there if any one, outside the Board of General Purposes, who will question the ability of Grand Lodge to sustain the additional charge of £800 per annum, for even then it may reckon on an average annual surplus of £2,800, or considerably over 25 per cent. of its incomings. We can only express our astonishment—with the figures before him for the September, if not for the December quarter—Bro. Philbrick, himself a member of this wonderful Board of General Purposes, should have risen in his place in Grand Lodge and exposed his ignorance, which, by the way, would seem to have been more than shared by his colleague, Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board.

As to the merits of the case there is no doubt. If we take only the few years which this journal has been in existence, we find that the number of annuitants has increased over 50 per cent., while each of them receives £4 more than he or she did in 1874. Grand Lodge has added nothing to its annual contribution since 1858, and were there no Benevolent Institution it is hard to say how it would fare with the Fund of Benevolence, which is now spending more than its income, and has the greatest difficulty in rubbing along. But for the Benevolent Fund, the Fund of Benevolence would be instantly in a condition of insolvency, and hence the necessity for—to say nothing of the justice of—Bro. Stewart's motion. We may occasionally feel it to be our duty to question the consistency of Grand Lodge, but we will not doubt its ability to understand a few plain figures, or its readiness to further support a Charity of its own creation.

"HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE."

WE wish to draw the attention of our readers to a correspondence, bearing the above title, which was initiated by "609" a fortnight since, and is still progressing in our columns. It had its origin in the first instance in a letter headed "A Little Help," by "P.M. 458, I.G. 609," which appeared on the 6th ult., the writer of which expressed surprise that out of twelve or so active promoters of a case at the recent election for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which he was invited to support, only five were subscribers to one or the other of our Charities, while the great majority had obtained Grand or Provincial Grand honours. His advice was of a practical nature, and was to the effect that people who take so deep an interest in a candidate as openly to recommend his claims to election would set the best example of their good intentions by purchasing votes for him. On the strength of this letter, "609," in the letter which he communicated to us, and which appeared on the 20th ult., went on to advocate the policy of conferring Grand and Prov. Grand office on those who contribute to our Institutions. To this policy, "Reader," in his long and interesting letter we published last week, took exception, very properly remarking that it was tantamount to making those offices dependent on the possession of ample means, and pointing out that such a course was in direct opposition to the fundamental principles of the Craft. What has since been written on this subject will be seen elsewhere, and as the discussion has reached an interesting stage, we may as well avail ourselves of the present opportunity to contribute a few observations, though, as the subject is manifestly one of extreme delicacy, they will be of a purely general character, so that, even in laying down a principle, we may as far as possible avoid giving offence.

We have no wish to inflict a sermon on our readers, but we think they will agree with us that, in the examination of this question, it is next to impossible to avoid reference to a certain well-known Biblical exposition of the constituent parts of that greatest of all virtues—Charity. This necessity is the more obvious, seeing that the tendency of the day appears to be to limit the meaning of the word "Charity" to the mere bestowal of alms. Indeed, something of the kind lies at the bottom of this discussion, or how otherwise should we have one brother suggesting that the first duty of those who recommend the claims of a candidate is to qualify as electors, and another that honour should be conferred, if not only, at all events principally,

on those who subscribe to our Institutions? One main difficulty is, of course, to avoid even the appearance of being careless as to the merits of our three Charities, but, doubtless having regard to the many occasions on which we have pleaded on their behalf, our friends will give us credit for not being actuated by any such feeling of indifference.

When the Prince of Wales was installed Grand Master, he defined the watchwords of Freemasonry as being "Loyalty and Charity." As regards the former, we know well enough what it means—respect for and obedience to the laws and institutions of our country. As to the latter, those who have read St. Paul's exposition of its constituent parts are equally well informed in theory, if not in practice. But hard and fast lines are too often laid down for judging men's worth, and one of these hard and fast lines in determining whether a person is truly charitable is the appearance of his name, more or less frequently, in the lists of subscribers to this or that Charity. Some go even further than this, and regulate their opinion of a man's benevolence by the extent of his contributions, A, who gives £100 being more charitable than B who gives £50, and B than C who gives £10. But though it is most probable that such an idea was farthest from his intention, yet there is no question that "609" has rendered himself liable to be placed in this category, his suggestion as to the award of honours being that Grand Officers should be appointed from among the Vice-Patrons and Vice-Presidents of our Institutions, while Provincial Grand Officers should be chosen from the Life Governors. Now it seems somewhat strange we should feel under the necessity of pointing out that, while, on the one hand, a man who subscribes £1000 for some charitable purpose may be actuated by other than charitable motives, so on the other hand the man who contributes nothing beyond the influence of his recommendation, and does nothing to promote the case he is interested in, beyond canvassing for votes, very often fulfils the conditions which go towards making up the virtue of charity. Those, too, who have read of the case of the woman who contributed her mite to the Treasury, and what was said of her, will hardly need to be reminded that Charity must not be measured by the extent of a man's subscriptions or donations, and that it does not follow of necessity that the donor of only a guinea is in any respect less worthy than the donor of hundreds or thousands. But though in theory all this is clear enough, in practice it is otherwise, and it constantly happens that brethren estimate their fellows by what they give, and not by what they say or do. Thus Bro. A is asked his opinion of Bro. B as a Mason and he replies unfavourably, not because he has ever heard him say or do anything unworthy as a man and Mason, but because he cannot find his name in the published lists of subscribers to the Schools and Benevolent Fund. None will hesitate to say that this is most unjust, and in many cases probably is in direct opposition to the well-known rule in Masonry which forbids a Brother assisting another to his own detriment or that of his family.

The question may be regarded from another point of view, though there is absolutely nothing that is novel in what we are about to say. One brother, whose income may be reckoned by thousands, may be poor in comparison with another, whose receipts never under any circumstances approach to four figures. To put the matter simply: one man out of £400 a year may be in a position to give an occasional ten guineas to one of our Institutions, while another out of the same income may be somewhat puzzled to contribute even a guinea, the reason being, of course, that the latter has a variety of claims upon him which in justice he is bound to satisfy before he can honourably listen to the dictates of generosity, while the former has only his own immediate requirements to attend to. Then, as between men who move in different spheres of society, one is obliged to keep up a certain state, while another need keep up none whatever. Given the fact of their being possessed of the same income, and it will be seen at once that the former may be able to spare but little, while the latter may revel in a considerable surplus. We are perfectly well aware that these comments of ours are such as have been made times out of number, but it unfortunately happens that a journal must occasionally remind its readers of the existence of certain well-established propositions, especially when they find that some of their friends are inclined to ignore them. We say this advisedly, because a worthy correspondent like "609" would never have gone out of his way to advise that Grand

Officers should be chosen from the Vice-Patrons and Vice-Presidents of our Institutions, and Provincial Grand Officers from the Life Governors, had he not lost sight of the fact that the inequality of a man's contribution to a Charity is no guide whatever to the charity of his disposition.

Bro. "Reader" is quite right in his suggestion that it will be a sorry day for Freemasonry when a brother's claims to promotion are determined by the amount of his subscriptions to the Schools or the Benevolent Fund. Where a man who is known to be rolling in wealth, and yet gives nothing, in such case, of course, we should set him down as unworthy of any recognition, whatever else he may have done; but who is to determine so delicate a question, except it be done inquisitorially? A needy man should not seek admission into the Fraternity. It is not a benefit society, or anything approaching to such, but in time it will become one if we persist in regulating our opinion of a Craftsman's merits by the amount of money he is fortunately in a position to contribute towards the relief of distressed brethren and their families.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE May meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held at the Hall, in Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 25th ult., under the presidency of Col. Creton Grand Treasurer, when the following brethren were also present:—Frank Richardson, T. S. Howell, C. Hammerton, Col. J. Peters, Rev. A. F. Woodford, J. H. Matthews, Robert Grey, D. M. Dewar, Arthur E. Gladwell, E. Letchworth, A. H. Tattershall, E. M. Money, C. G. Brown, Edward Baxter, Capt. H. G. Colville, Edgar Bowyer, H. A. Dabois, C. H. Webb, Peter de L. Long, E. C. Massey. After the confirmation of the minutes of the April meeting, the Chairman mentioned that Brother Raynham Steward, who was unable to be present, had made the enquiries he at last meeting promised to make as to the practice at the Boys' School in reference to allowing two brothers to be pupils in the School at the same time. Bro. Stewart found that nothing of the kind had been done at the Boys' School, and he had written a letter to him (the Chairman) stating that he had carefully looked into the Bye-laws, particularly Law No. 56, and was clearly of opinion that two girls could not be admitted into the School at the same time. I therefore rule, said the Chairman, that two sisters cannot be admitted at the same time.

Bro. Richardson said that he felt as clearly as possible that there was no necessity for a petition in the case of purchase; and as there was therefore a direct conflict of opinion, he moved that the Bye-laws referring to this point be referred to the Grand Registrar for his opinion. This motion was seconded by Brother Woodford, and carried.

It was then announced that the three brethren who had been nominated as candidates for election on the House Committee had withdrawn their names; and thereupon the Chairman declared the old members of the Committee to be re-elected.

In like manner the members of the Audit Committee were declared to be duly re-elected.

Bro. Tattershall said that it had been remarked to him that the House Committee was a close borough, and that he had therefore replied, "if that is your opinion I will give notice of motion that one-fourth of the members shall retire annually, and shall not be eligible for twelve months;" and he gave written notice of motion to alter the Bye-laws to that extent.

He also proposed that Bro. Weber, the senior clerk in the Secretary's office, who, in consequence of ill-health had been ordered to go to Australia, and who had given three months notice of resignation accordingly, should be granted three months' leave to enable him to leave at once, and be paid his salary in advance. He also proposed that he should receive a donation of £25 in addition, and Bro. Tattershall gave the necessary written notice of motion for the next General Court.

Bro. Richardson brought up the report of the Premises Committee upon the state of the drainage at the Institution. Two experts had been employed to ascertain that condition (one of them being Professor Corfield), and after making their investigations independently, had concurred in condemning it as very bad and, in effect, dangerous to health. It appeared that the pipes from all the buildings converge into a cesspool under the playground, which cesspool communicates with the sewer. The upshot of the matter was that a re-arrangement of the drains was absolutely necessary, and that the expense was estimated as £1297.

Bro. Richardson proposed that a Special Court should be summoned to consider the matter, and authorise this expenditure.

Bro. Gladwell supported the proposal, which was agreed to.

Bro. Letchworth gave notice of motion that Dr. Hope should be appointed honorary physician to the Institution.

One petition was accepted, and one was—for a second time—deferred for further enquiry.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 7th June 1882:—

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 1st March for confirmation.
2. The Minutes of the Special Grand Lodge of the 15th March for confirmation.
3. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 26th April for confirmation.
4. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.
5. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.
6. Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."

7. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz:—

A Brother of the Restoration Lodge, No. 111, Darlington	£50	0	0
A Brother of the Sydney Lodge, No. 829, Sidcup	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Ranslagh Lodge, No. 834, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Faith, No. 141, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Confidence Lodge, No. 193, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Wykeham Lodge, No. 1883, Winchester	75	0	0
A Brother of the Unanimity and Sincerity Lodge, No. 261, Taunton	50	0	0
A Brother of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, London	75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, London	75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the De-la-Pole Lodge, No. 1605, Hull	75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Saint Cuthberga Lodge, No. 622, Winborne	150	0	0
A Brother of the Amphibious Lodge, No. 258, Heckmond-wike	50	0	0
A Brother of the St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39, Exeter	50	0	0
A Brother of Lodge Semper Fidelis, No. 1254, Exeter	100	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Love and Honour, No. 75, Falmouth	50	0	0

8. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

1. The Board have to report that it having been represented to them that a Lodge had recently elected and installed a Master who had served only eleven months as Warden, the Master and Wardens were summoned to appear before the Board, and the facts being admitted, with the explanation that they occurred through inadvertence, the Lodge was duly admonished for its inattention to the Constitutions, and it was declared that the Election was null and void, that the late W. Master was still the Master, and must continue so to act until the next regular period of Election, and until a successor shall have been duly elected and installed in his stead.

2. The Board have also to report that the growing practice of Secretaries of Lodges styling and signing themselves Honorary Secretaries has been from time to time brought under their notice, and they think it desirable in this manner to draw attention to the fact that the title of "Honorary Secretary" is not authorized by the Constitutions.

3. Lastly the Board desire to lay before the Grand Lodge the revision of the Book of Constitutions, on which much thought and attention have been bestowed, and they recommend that the Most Worshipful Grand Master be asked to convene a Special Grand Lodge at a convenient time to consider the same.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
16th May 1882.

At the Meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 16th of May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz:—

The Members of the Board unanimously desire to express their sense of the ability and courtesy uniformly displayed on all occasions by the V.W. Brother Sir John B. Monckton, as President of the Board of General Purposes.

(Signed) FRANK GREEN,
Vice President.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 12th day of May last, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £4,191, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £100.

9. Report of the Committee appointed by Grand Lodge on the

1st March last, to investigate and report on the Finances and present income of Grand Lodge.

The Committee having met on the 16th of May, proceeded to enquire into and examine the various sources of Income of Grand Lodge, as well as its current expenditure for the last three years, and they now beg to report, as the result of their investigations, that at the present time Grand Lodge is in receipt of an average nett income of £4000 per annum, which is however liable to considerable fluctuations in proportion to the number of admissions of Members into the Order and from various other causes.

(Signed) J. S. BROWNRIGG,

Provincial Grand Master for Surrey,
Chairman.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
16th May 1882.

10. The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 19th May 1882, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

11. APPEALS.

(1) From Brother Thomas J. Mountain, late of the New Zealand Pacific Lodge, No. 517, Wellington, New Zealand, against the decision of Grand Lodge, on the 7th December last, declining to entertain his former appeal against his expulsion from the Order by the District Grand Lodge of Wellington (North Island), New Zealand, on the ground of its not having been made at the "next practicable Grand Lodge," as required by page 95 Book of Constitutions, and praying that Grand Lodge will now consider the said former appeal on its merits.

(2) From Brother Alexander Dimant of the New Zealand Pacific Lodge, No. 517, Wellington, New Zealand, against his suspension by the Deputy District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Wellington (North Island), New Zealand, previous to hearing and determining the complaint preferred against him—

And also against a sentence of expulsion from the Order subsequently passed against him by the District Grand Master of the said District Grand Lodge.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION.

(1) Consideration as a substantive motion of the following amendment proposed by Brother the Baron de Ferrieres, at the Quarterly Communication in March last, on the proposition submitted by the Board of General Purposes at that meeting, relative to Brother Perceval's motion for counting votes in Grand Lodge on a Division, and which amendment being carried, its consideration as a substantive motion was deferred until the Quarterly Communication in June, viz:—

By Brother BARON DE FERRIERES, M.P., P.M. No. 82:—

"That the counting of votes on a division in Grand Lodge be conducted in future on the following system:—
1st. That there shall be eight tellers from the body of the hall, namely—the four Grand Deacons acting for Grand Lodge, and the proposer and seconder of the motion, with two Brethren nominated by them, for the resolution. 2nd. That there shall be two tellers for the Grand Officers on the Dais, namely the Assistant Director of Ceremonies for Grand Lodge, and a Brother nominated by the proposer for the resolution. 3rd. That on a division being called for, a pair of tellers shall be placed opposite each of the four divisions of Grand Lodge and the Dais, who shall request the Brethren of their division to hold up their hands, first for 'Ayes' and then for 'Noes,' the tellers audibly counting the numbers each time, which shall be at once noted on paper, initialed by both tellers, and handed up to the Grand Secretary, who shall announce the result after receiving and adding up all the scores."

(2) By Brother JOHN M. CLARON, P.G.D.:—

"That for the purpose of maintaining and extending the Fund of Benevolence, all the Members of the Lodges in the London district (except Military Lodges), shall pay quarterly one shilling and sixpence each to the

Fund, instead of one shilling as fixed by the Grand Lodge held on 2nd March 1814. And that all members of Lodges not within the London district (except Military, Colonial, and Foreign Lodges), shall pay quarterly, ninepence each to the Fund, instead of sixpence, as fixed by the said Grand Lodge."

(3) "That no sale be made of all or any part of the Capital Funds of Benevolence without the express order of a Grand Lodge, confirmed by a subsequent Grand Lodge."

(4) By Brother RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D.:—

"That in the event of the Report of the Financial Committee appointed at the Quarterly Communication held on the 1st day of March last, being adopted—to move—
That having regard to the enormous increase in the number of Lodges and Chapters since the Grant of £800 made by Grand Lodge in 1858 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and Widows of Freemasons, and for which the Institution had to send, and still sends two Voting Papers to each Lodge and Chapter, that the amount to be contributed

in future by Grand Lodge be increased by an annual payment of £300 to the Male Fund, and £500 to the Widows' Fund, such payments being borne by the Fund at the disposal of the Board of General Purposes."

(5) By Brother EDWIN T. BUDDEN, P.M. No. 622:—

"Whereas one of the great objects of Freemasonry is to promote the Liberal Arts and Sciences: And whereas The Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is endeavouring to establish a 'Royal College of Music, and solicits the co-operation and assistance of Public Corporations and Associations throughout the land: And whereas the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the Royal Princes, his brothers, have rendered great and valuable services to the Craft in this country. This Grand Lodge agrees out of the Funds at its disposal, to Found one Grand Lodge Scholarship of the value of £80 per annum, and one Grand Lodge Exhibition of the value of £40 per annum, in the said 'Royal College of Music.' And that the Board of General Purposes be instructed to carry this resolution into effect at the proper time."

(6) By V.W. Brother Lieut.-Col. JOHN CREATON, G. Treasurer:—

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

List of brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes:—

MASTERS.

LOVELAND, RICHD.	No. 1869
PERRYMAN, WILLIAM H.	" 1851
WALLS, THOMAS C.	" 1512
BOWYER, EDGAR	" 1964
BROWN, GEORGE	" 140
DRYSDALE, GEO.	" 222
BRISTOW, WM.	" G.S.L.
ESCOTT, ALBERT	" 1593
KENTISH, WM. G.	" 1293
WATTS, JOHN H.	" 63
BOLTON, G.	" 1155
BEAUMONT, ED.	" 26
CHESTON, CHARLES CHESTER	" 99
CLUTTON, RALPH	" 143
GREEN, FRANK	" 1827
LETCHWORTH, ED.	" 197

PAST MASTERS.

TATTERSHALL, ALFRED H.	" 140
DUBOIS, HENRY A.	" 142
STEPHENS, WM.	" 1489
ATKINS, CHARLES	" 27
GLADWELL, ARTHUR E.	" 172
SMALLPEICE, WILLIAM	" 1395
BISHOP, HENRY	" 66
COOPER-SMITH, HENRY R.	" 478
HARBEN, HENRY	" 92
HARDING, CHARLES	" 778
MEADOWS, ALFRED, M.D.	" 4
PITT-LEWIS, GEORGE	" 165

List of brethren nominated for the Colonial Board:—

AULDJO, HENRY FRANCIS	W.M. No. 92
BRETT, JAMES	P.M. 177
DAY, AUGUSTUS T.	W.M. 166
GOODING, RALPH	P.M. 1
LEMON, WILLIAM GEORGE	W.M. 1601
MATTHEWS, JAMES HENRY	P.M. 143
SMITH, GRIFFITHS	P.M. 21

List of brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons:—

BERRY, JOHN JAMES	P.M. 554
BUSH, THOMAS W. C.	" 1728
COTTEBRUNE, CHAS. A.	" 733
GOODALL, WILLIAM H.	W.M. 1567
MCPHERSON, HENRY	P.M. 890
MOORE, GEORGE L.	" 169
MURLIS, WILLIAM J.	" 1642
TATE, ROBERT PERRY	" 862
TATTERSALL, ALF. H.	" 140
WILLING, JAMES JUN.	" 1507

The "Freemason's Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1882 can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan.

The Calendar Committee direct the attention of Masters of Lodges and Principals of Chapters to the necessity of communicating to the Grand Secretary any change in the day or place of meeting of Lodges or Chapters so soon as the resolution for effecting such change shall be confirmed.—Vide Book of Constitutions, pp 64, 92, 93.

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GRAND LODGE JURISDICTION AND NEW SOUTH WALES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Will you kindly allow me sufficient space to add a few words to the communication from your able correspondent "Q." in the *Freemason's Chronicle* of the 27th May?

The main point of the objection to the report of the *Sydney Freemason* is to be found in the fact that a most unwarrantable addition was made to my article which appeared in the *Voice of Masonry* of January last, and which was reprinted in the *Freemason* (London) on the 29th April. The paragraph, as written by me, and as correctly printed, reads—

"My impression is, that when a Grand Lodge has been formed for several years, and has a fine future before it of usefulness and prosperity, as the Grand Lodge of Quebec," &c.

In the *Sydney Freemason* it is printed as is the case in our Colonies (*Quebec and New South Wales*), &c.

The words *is the case in our Colonies and New South Wales* being interpolations, and entirely opposed to what I wrote and what I advocate.

Thanking you in anticipation for the foregoing addition being inserted, and your correspondent "Q." for his accurate interpretation of my views on the subject.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

27th May 1882.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—It has been publicly announced in your columns that I have forwarded to the Grand Secretary a notice of motion to the following effect, viz:—

"That having regard to the great increase in the number of Lodges in the metropolitan area during the last twenty-five years, and the consequent almost total exclusion of the members thereof from any participation in Grand Lodge or Provincial Grand Lodge honours, this Grand Lodge desires to respectfully represent to His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the propriety of sub-dividing such metropolitan area into District Grand Lodges."

A very courteous letter from the Grand Secretary informs me that that notice of motion has not been received by the Board of Masters, and, therefore, will not be placed on the agenda of business at the ensuing Quarterly Communication. The reason given is the receipt of the following opinion from the Grand Registrar, viz:—

"I think Bro. Stevens's motion is out of order, and ought not to be received. In my opinion any number of brethren may out of Grand Lodge petition or memorialise H.R.H. the Grand Master to establish a new Provincial Grand Lodge, but I do not think it would be regular to take a vote of our Great Legislative Assembly binding Grand Lodge to make a representation on the subject to the Grand Master. The matter is entirely within the prerogative of the Grand Master; Grand Lodge has no power or authority with respect to it."

To this communication I have replied as follows, viz.—

Clapham, 27th May 1882.

To the V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Secretary.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have to acknowledge your favour of the 25th inst., informing me that the Chairman of the Board of Masters, acting on the opinion of the V.W. Grand Registrar, has ruled that my notice of motion in reference to a proposed representation to the Most Worshipful Grand Master on the subject of the sub-division of the metropolitan area into District Grand Lodges, could not be received.

A careful study of the Book of Constitutions confirms my original opinion that nothing therein contained affords even the slightest ground for withholding from the Grand Lodge the consideration of a motion having for its object a recommendation to the Grand Master, and not in the least degree interfering with his prerogative. On the contrary, it is expressly stated that "The Grand Lodge alone has the inherent power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the Craft, and of altering, repealing, and abrogating them, always taking care that the ancient landmarks of the Order be preserved." And the same clause further enlarges on the powers of the Grand Lodge in respect of "investigating, regulating, and deciding all matters relating to the Craft," &c. &c.

I shall therefore feel it to be my duty, having thoughtfully considered the effect which quiet submission to an unconstitutional interference with an important and much-valued privilege would have upon members of the Craft desirous of submitting measures of reform to the calm consideration of its Parliament, to rise in my place in Grand Lodge at the ensuing Quarterly Communication, and question the propriety of the rejection, by the Board of Masters, of the notice of motion I have given in accordance with the Laws and Regulations of the Order.

I shall do this in no spirit of captious opposition, but with every

possible respect and fraternal good feeling towards lawfully constituted authority; and to avoid the possibility of being charged with a desire to "surprise," have thought it only courteous and proper that I should thus notify my intention.

I have the honour to be, Dear Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M. P.Z.

You will see by the foregoing that a far more grave and important question than that of providing District Grand Lodges for the Metropolitan Area has now arisen. The status and privileges of individual members of the Grand Lodge are affected by this interference with the "inherent power" which the Constitutions of the Order have conferred on the aggregate body; and not I alone, but, I feel convinced, hundreds of "light blues," will resist, by all proper constitutional means, whatever may interpose between them and their undoubted rights. I "join issue" with our respected Grand Registrar, and contend that his ruling is not in unison with the spirit of our laws and regulations; and I appeal from his opinion to the Craft in general, and the Grand Lodge itself in particular, to decide the question. That the cause of right may not suffer because it is advanced by one of the least amongst us, I, in the interests of the Craft, and for those interests alone, most earnestly hope.

In submitting the proposal which has initiated this question of privilege difficulties have not been ignored, nor obstacles overlooked. Whether or not the idea of Metropolitan District Grand Lodges be "bad, or worse than that, absurd," is, I opine, a question for the Grand Lodge itself to determine, and, if it so pleases, to "scout and reject"; but to no one individual, or to a few persons, has Grand Lodge yet delegated the "inherent power" which it possesses under our Ancient Constitutions.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M. P.Z.

Clapham, 27th May 1882.

We are compelled to hold over one or two matters of interest, and crave the indulgence of our correspondents.

FREEMASONRY.

Mid the mutations of all time, or changes here on earth,
Freemasonry remains the same as when it first had birth,
For Wisdom, Strength and Beauty still its supporters be,
Assisted by their sisters, *Faith, Hope and Charity.*

It has existed from the time the world was in its youth;
Its base that attribute divine—the immortal word of Truth.
The Architect who framed the globe, and measured out its span,
Still gives it His protecting care, for happiness to man.

From East to West, from North to South, its mysteries are known;
Its usefulness each clime hath felt, on which the sun hath shone;
It binds man to his fellow man, with all a brother's love;
Its precepts are the words of Him who reigneth high above.

The Craft of every age can boast the honoured of the earth,
The warrior, statesman, poet, sage, the man of princely birth,
The great, the good, the wise, the learned, the layman and divine,
All at its fount have wisdom drank and knelt before its shrine.

Oh! Masonry, thy fame shall last until all time is done,
Thy mysteries, as in ages past, shall go on from sire to son.
Like the fixed mountains of our earth, it shall for ever stand,
A monument of goodness from the Almighty Hand.

Kings have their tortures tried in vain the Order to destroy;
Grim death in all its fearful forms its fury did employ.
The rack, the gibbet, and the stake, each in its turn was tried,
But Craftsmen still by faith sustained, in truth's great cause they died.

Fanaticism crossed the sea, into this western world;
Not many years have passed away since its dark flag unfurled;
But all its efforts came to naught, its fury raged in vain,
For Masonry, though crushed to earth, like Truth rose up again.

And it shall stand, a beacon light, man through this life to guide,
Amid temptations, rocks and shoals, which beset on every side.
Yes! it shall stand for ever, until Time's sands have run,
Its truth on earth proclaiming, *good-will and peace to man.*

—Voice of Masonry.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor has fixed Tuesday, the 27th inst., for the annual Steward's visit and distribution of prizes at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood Green.

His Royal Highness Prince Leopold Duke of Albany, K.G., will preside at the Anniversary Dinner of the Newspaper Press Fund, which will take place at Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's, on Saturday, the 24th inst.

In our issue of the 20th ult., we announced that as regards the appointment of the House Committee of the Girls' School, there would be no opposition to the return, inasmuch as three of the fifteen brethren who were nominated withdrew in order to save the trouble of a contested election. For the same Committee, as regards the Boys' School, eleven of the old members present themselves for re-election, and there are four new candidates, viz. Bros. Edgar Bowyer, J. L. Mather, Moon, and one other, whose name we have not heard. It is anticipated there will be a sharp and exciting contest.

H.R.H the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, on Thursday last inspected, at Great Yarmouth, the Artillery Militia, under the command of Bro. Colonel Lord Suffield, K.C.B., Provincial Grand Master Norfolk.

The vote of congratulation to Prince Leopold, passed by the City of Westminster Lodge, at their last regular meeting (the day of the marriage), having been illuminated and inscribed on vellum, and forwarded to H.R.H. Prince Leopold, the following reply has been received by the Secretary of the Lodge:—

Claremont, Esher,
Surrey.
27th May 1882.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg you will convey to the brethren of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, the Duchess of Albany's and my own cordial thanks for the address of congratulation they have sent to us.

I remain,
Fraternally yours,
(Signed) LEOPOLD.

P.G.W., Prov. G.M. Oxon.

To Bro. E. J. Scott.

The brethren who know anything of the working of English Masonry must have been highly amused by the article in the *Court Circular* on the progress of Freemasonry, which was elicited by Her Majesty's reception of the address from Grand Lodge. Trying to disprove the popular notion that a great part of the enormous funds over which Grand Lodge and its affiliated Lodges have control is devoted to eating and drinking, the writer of the article says that all the money collected goes for the purpose of maintaining the three great Masonic Charities, viz., those for the Old People, the Boys, and the Girls. Every Lodge, he says, "is bound annually to contribute a portion, and a large portion too, of its funds, to the support of these excellent Institutions. The other moneys collected are, in the great majority of cases, expended in relieving the immediate necessities of poor and destitute brethren and their families." If the Craft is to be championed by non-Masons, the champions should, at least, proceed upon facts. So far from all the money collected going for the purpose of maintaining the three great Masonic Charities, the support of those Charities is entirely voluntary, and no Lodge is bound to contribute anything, except the payment of £1 7s 6d to Grand Lodge for each initiate, and 1s a quarter (London Lodges), and 9d a quarter (Country Lodges) contributions to the Fund of Benevolence.

To brethren who have not made themselves fully acquainted with the Book of Constitutions, the report of the Board of General Purposes affords some useful information. In that book it is laid down that "every Lodge shall annually elect its Master and Treasurer by ballot, such Master having regularly served as a Warden of a warranted Lodge for one year." One Lodge was brought before the Board for an infringement of this rule at its last election and installation. The Senior Warden did not desire to be elected Master, and the Lodge elected the Junior Warden. But the Junior Warden, through unavoidable circumstances, was not present for investiture when he was appointed, and was only invested at the following meeting a month afterwards. Consequently he served the office of Warden for eleven months only. But the brethren inadvertently overlooked the rule, and he was unduly elected and installed as Master. The Lodge was summoned before the Board, and the Board annulled the election, and ordered the former Master to be retained in the chair for twelve months more.—*Evening News.*

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THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN,

IN a late number we pointed out that the whole fabric of Freemasonry had for its foundation-stone a belief in the Fatherhood of God. On this glorious basis do the Sons of Light daily erect, to the honour and glory of the Creator, their moral and spiritual edifice—"that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." It is a glorious faith, a noble heritage, that they have left unto us, and in which we as Hiramites continually rejoice. But in addition to this great and glorious truth, Freemasonry also teaches the God-inspired doctrine of "the Brotherhood of Man," a doctrine next in importance to the former, and one which, when used from a proper standpoint, is the natural sequella and culmination of the other. The two combined teach the essence of purity and virtue, and are the crowning glory of truth.

The Brotherhood of man! What an immense vastness there is in the thought. It sweeps away with a breath the bigotry of churchism, the sectarianism of creed, and the prejudice of colour, race and nationality. It is the echo of the voice of God, to draw the mind of man far, far back into the dim and distant past; it reveals to him an era in which there must have been a race of only one nationality, of only one creed. It takes him back to the earliest period of the world's history, and opens to his vision the marvels and mysteries of the creation.

The Mason who thoroughly grasps this idea of the Brotherhood of man, has mastered one of the poignant features of our philosophy. To think that there is a society whose members are of every clime and country, who worship at the altar of the Christian and the shrine of the Moslem, who bow the knee to Vishna and believe in the dogma of the Christa, and yet stand united in one common faith, bowing the head in reverence to one Great God, and faithful to each other as brethren sprung from one common parent. The Mason may know not the language of his Brother; he may not possess talent, position or fame; yet in the Lodge he is equal, perchance his superior—at all events he is a Brother, and as a Brother he has the right to appeal to him if in distress, difficulty or danger.

No other organisation can lay claim to this tangible Brotherhood, because no other believes in the one common Fatherhood. This is the real secret of the difference between the Brotherhood of man, as taught and practised by Freemasonry, and that of the Brotherhood of all other so-called secret societies. It matters not where the Mason goes, or to what branch of the Order or Rite he may belong, he can find a friend and a Brother, if he himself be versed in our universal language. Thousands and tens of thousands of instances bear testimony of the real, true Brotherhood that exists amongst Craftsmen. On the battlefield, amidst the roar of cannon and rattle of musketry, the H. S. of D. has been recognised and answered. In the plague-stricken hospital the Masonic tie has proved its worth. On the stormy deep, when death stared brave men in the face, the Masonic cry for help has been responded to with readiness and eager haste. This is that Brotherhood of man which Masonry, and which Masons believe in, uphold and practise. It is a Brotherhood based on a holy Fatherhood.

It is a strange sight to those who understand not our mysteries, to note how quickly men who are diametrically opposed to each other in politics and religion coalesce when they find they belong to the same noble Order. How can a Mason fail to feel and act as a Brother towards every Hiramite, when he remembers the solemn obligations he has voluntarily assumed, and the sacred pledges he has given to his brethren before the Most High God? It is impossible for a true Freemason to be a bad man. Of course, there are many Hiramites who never either care for or appreciate a single lesson taught in the lodge-room, and who consequently were never brethren. They were members of the mystic tie, but neither faithful Hiramites nor honest brethren. Only those who are brought to the true light understand this Brotherhood of man, which is our glorious inheritance from the forefathers and founders of the Craft. It is a grand and noble heritage, which it is the duty of every Freemason to keep and perform. It has been proved over and over again. We defy the world to deny it. We have stood by each other with death staring us in the face; we have breathed the atmosphere of pestilence and death in order to watch by the bedside of a Brother; we have faced the lightning flash and the stormy billows of the deep, to rescue the famished, shipwrecked sailor; we have protected the dying, fed the hungry, clothed the widow, and educated the orphan of a Brother; and we have guarded with a jealous, reverential care, and a Brother's deepest love, the virtue of those near and dear to a Brother Hiramite.

This Brotherhood of man is dear to every Freemason. It is part of that holy creed which points to God as the Father before whom we bow, to whom as Masons we offer up our prayers and obligations, and upon whom we place our hope of a glorious immortality when called to join the Brotherhood of the blessed, beyond the dark and turbid waters of the River of Death. This is the Brotherhood of man, based on a belief in the Fatherhood of God, which we as Masons teach and practise.—*Canadian Craftsman.*

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

- No. 1962.—The London Rifle Brigade Lodge, London.
 1963.—The Duke of Albany Lodge, London.
 1964.—The Clerkenwell Lodge, London.
 1965.—The Eastes Lodge, Bromley, Kent.
 1966.—The Lodge of Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somersetshire.
 1967.—The Beacon Court Lodge, New Brompton, Kent.
 1968.—The Duke of Manchester Lodge, Melbourne, Victoria.
 1969.—The Waldee Lodge, London.
 1970.—The Haldrian Lodge, South Shields.

THE THEATRES, &c.

COVENT GARDEN.—ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA. This evening, IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA. On Monday, IL SERAGLIO. On Tuesday, L'AFRICAINA. On Thursday, DON GIOVANNI. On Friday, LOHENGRIN.

DRURY LANE.—GERMAN OPERA. This evening, DIE MEISTERSINGER. On Tuesday, EURYANTHE. On Wednesday, TANNHAUSER. On Thursday, DER FLEUGENDA HOLLANDER.

LYCEUM.—At 8, ROMEO AND JULIET. On Saturday, at 2 also.

ADELPHI.—At 7.15, MY TURN NEXT. At 8, TAKEN FROM LIFE.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7.30, A SIMPLE SWEEP. At 8.15, THE LIGHTS OF LONDON.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 8, ON AN ISLAND. At 8.30, LONDON ASSURANCE. This day, at 2.30.

HAYMARKET.—At 8, ODETTE. This day, at 2 also.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, THE MARBLE ARCH. At 8.40, THE COLONEL.

STRAND.—At 7.30, TWO TO ONE. At 8.10, THE MASCOTTE.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES. At 8.40, PATIENCE. This day (Saturday), at 2.30, also.

AVENUE.—At 8, MANTEAUX NOIRS.

COURT.—At 8, MY LITTLE GIRL. At 8.45, THE PARVENU.

ALHAMBRA.—At 7.45, BABIL AND BIJOU.

COMEDY.—At 7.15, THE FAST COACH. At 8, BOCCACCIO.

GLOBE.—At 8, FIRST IN THE FIELD. At 8.45, FAR FROM THE MADING CROWD.

GAIETY.—FRENCH PLAYS. This day, LA DAME AUX CAMELIAS.

ROYALTY.—At 7.30, BOARDING SCHOOL. At 8.45, LONG AGO. At 9.30, SINDBAD.

ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, MEDUSA. At 8.30, THE SQUIRE.

CRITERION.—At 8, CUPID IN CAMP. At 8.45, FOURTEEN DAYS.

OLYMPIC.—At 8, MOTHS.

STANDARD.—At 7.30, HUMANITY; or, A PASSAGE IN THE LIFE OF GRACE DARLING. A ROYAL MARRIAGE.

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INSTALLATION of M.W. GRAND MASTER.

THE SUMMER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION OF THIS
Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street,
W.C., on Tuesday, the 6th day of June next, when and where all Grand Officers
(Past and Present), W. Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers of
private Lodges, are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission,
all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present.

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

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,

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

N.B.—A Banquet will be provided at Seven o'clock, at which the Grand
Master will preside. The Tickets will be 15s each, inclusive of wine, if taken
before the day of meeting; and 17s 6d if taken on that day; and it is requested
that every Brother intending to dine will forward his name to the Grand
Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary, not later than Saturday, the 3rd of June.

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IN accordance with a Resolution of the General Committee, a
SPECIAL GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this
Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn
Fields, London, on Saturday, the 10th day of June 1882, at Twelve o'clock
House precisely, to consider the following Notices of Motion:—

By Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Vice-Patron.

"That the Report of the House Committee as to the Sanitary State of the
School Buildings, presented to the General Committee on the 25th May 1882,
be received and adopted, and that the matter be referred back to the
Committee to carry out, at an expense not exceeding £1,300."

By Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, P.G. Std., Vice-Patron.

"That Bro. Dr. William Hope, of 56 Curzon-street, Mayfair, Senior Physician
to the Belgrave Hospital for Children, be appointed to the post of Honorary
Physician to the Institution."

By Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL.

"That a Gratuity of £25 be awarded to the Senior Clerk, Bro. W. G. Weber, on
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in defraying the expenses of his journey to Australia."

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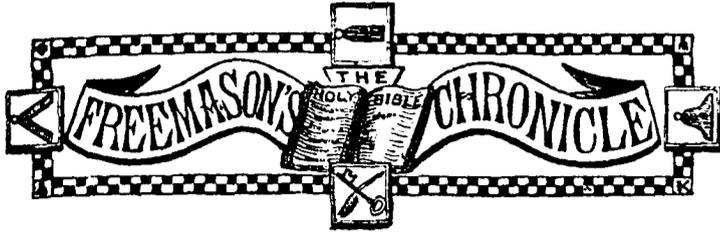
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THE ROYAL VISIT TO LEICESTER.

ON Monday last their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales visited Leicester, and opened the Abby Park, which has been recently laid out by the Corporation as a place of recreation for the inhabitants. Favoured by most brilliant weather, a hundred thousand people lined the route from the Railway Station to the Park, and by their enthusiastic cheers attested the popularity of their Royal Highnesses. The town itself wore its gayest air; the line of route—about two miles—was spanned by numerous triumphal arches of handsome, costly, and artistic designs; every street was a blaze of glorious colour; an avenue of Venetian masts, bearing banners, trophies, and streamers of flags, sometimes immense wreaths and baskets of artificial flowers, stretched along the whole way, and from every window, decorated stand, and from the throats of an enormous multitude, came the one word that expressed everything—Welcome!

Amongst those bodies who assembled to attest their loyalty, the Freemasons of the Province were conspicuous. At half-past eleven o'clock the Provincial Grand Lodge was held, presided over by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers; amongst those present being R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, F.S.A., P.P.G.M.; W. Bros. G. Toller jun. D.P.G.M., Thomas Macaulay, Thomas Harrold Prov. G.W.'s; T. Worthington Clarke, E. F. Mammatt, W. Beaumont Smith, G. Fowler Browne, R. Winter Johnson, J. C. Duncombe P.P.G.W.'s; Revs. S. Wathen Wigg, J. Bird P.G.C.'s; Rev. J. Henry Smith, F. H. Richardson, C. Henton Wood P.P.G.C.'s; T. A. Wykes P.P.G.T.; T. Sheppard, J. H. Donglass, C. C. Woodcock Past Prov. Grand Registrars; S. S. Partridge Provincial Grand Secretary; Walter S. Allen Prov. G.S.D.; W. H. Marris, F. J. Baines, A. M. Duff, T. Worthington, J. D. Bennett, G. Odell Past Prov. G. Deacons; S. Weaver Prov. G. Supt. Works; T. Cooke, T. Marson, R. Taylor P.P.G. Supt. Works; Joseph Young Prov. G.D.C.; W. Crow Prov. G.A.D.C.; J. Halford P.P.G.A.D.C.; C. Sansome Preston P. Prov. G. Reg. acting as Prov. G.S.B.; A. C. Smith P.P.G.S.B.; A. Chamberlain Prov. G.O.; G. A. Löhr, W. T. Rowlett, H. B. Ellis P.P.G. Orgs.; R. L. Gibson Prov. G. Pursuivant; Miles J. Walker Prov. G.A. Pursuivant; M. H. Lewin, C. J. Wilkinson, G. Dewes, B. Moore P.P.G. Pursuivants; J. O. Law Prov. G. Standard Bearer; S. A. Marris, A. Lewin, E. H. Butler Prov. G. Stewards; Dunn and Tanser Prov. G. Tylers; R. B. Smith W.M. 50, Edgar Taylor W.M. 523, H. Norton W.M. 1265, and many other W.M.'s, P.M.'s and Wardens of the several Lodges in the Province.

The attendance of brethren generally was exceedingly large, the spacious hall being inconveniently crowded. Amongst the Visitors were W. Bros. F. Binckes P.G. Steward, J. McIntyre D.G.J.W. South Australia.

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After calling the roll of Lodges and Prov. Grand Officers, the Prov. Grand Secretary, at the request of the R.W. Prov. G. Master, read an address of welcome, which was intended to be presented to His Royal Highness, and which was adopted by acclamation. A procession of the brethren in their jewels and regalia was then formed, under the direction of the indefatigable and able Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Joseph Young, and with the banners of the various Lodges marched to the market place, where a stand had been specially provided for the Freemasons by the kindness of the Mayor and Corporation.

On their Royal Highnesses reaching the Market Place, they met with a magnificent reception from the 20,000 people there assembled, while 6,000 children sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales." On the Royal Carriage drawing up in front of the Masonic stand, Earl Ferrers stepped forward, and with a few appropriate remarks presented the Prince of Wales with the following address:—

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

To His Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales, K.G., K.J., K.T., G.C.B., &c., &c., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

May it please Your Royal Highness:—

We, the Provincial Grand Master, Past Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Officers, and Brethren of the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, beg leave to offer to your Royal Highness, on this auspicious day, the assurance of our loyal obedience and fraternal respect, and to give to you, Most Worshipful Sir, a hearty welcome to this Ancient Borough,

the chief town of a County which in former days gave to the Craft, both in England and in India, an illustrious and beneficent Ruler, in "the great and good Marquis of Hastings, the friend of his Prince, the friend of his country, and the friend of mankind."

The Princes of your Royal House have ever been distinguished Patrons of the Craft, but at no previous period have the principles of our Order been so vigorously upheld, the knowledge thereof so widely disseminated, and the Educational and the other Charities of the Order so nobly supported as since your Royal Highness has ruled over us.

Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen has ever the first place in the hearts of her people, and we humbly beg you, Most Worshipful Sir, to convey to Her Majesty our deep sense of gratitude to the Most High, who so signally protects her "in her going out and coming in."

We invoke on your Royal Highness and your Illustrious Consort the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe. May He build up the fortunes of your Royal House from Foundation Stone to Pinnacle. May He bring safe to hearth and home your absent Sons, and may they in the future become, like their Illustrious Father, Patrons of our Order, its ornament and guard. May the wisdom of the Royal Solomon be yours and theirs. May you live long and happy lives on earth, believing ever that the spirit of loyalty to the House and of devotion to our Grand Master burns brighter in none than in the hearts of the Freemasons of Leicestershire and Rutland.

Dated at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, this 29th day of May, 1882.

FERRERS,
Provincial Grand Master.
G. TOLLER jun.,
Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
WILLIAM KELLY,
Past Provincial Grand Master.
SAMUEL S. PARTRIDGE,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

The Address was most beautifully engrossed and illuminated on vellum, and enclosed in a very handsome morocco box, lined with pale blue satin, the whole having been most effectively executed by Messrs. Waterlow Bros. and Layton, of Birch-in-lane. The Prince of Wales having graciously accepted the Address, handed the Earl Ferrers the following reply:—

"Brethren; I thank you for your address, and for the cordial and fraternal terms in which you are good enough to refer to my presence in your town. Members of my house have for so long a period been connected with the Craft that I experienced a particular pleasure in accepting the important post of Grand Master of Freemasons in England on the resignation of Lord Ripon. It has been my earnest wish since I assumed the duties of that office to uphold in their strictest integrity the ancient rights and privileges of the Order, and to promote by my example and influence the interests of the numerous educational and charitable institutions which are connected with Freemasonry, and are so generously supported by the Brethren. The Queen highly appreciates the attachment of her Masonic subjects, and it will afford her, I feel assured, sincere gratification to hear of your expressions of loyalty, and your gratitude to the Most High for her merciful preservation on the occasion of the recent attack on her life. Let me, in conclusion, return you the warm acknowledgments of the Princess of Wales and myself for the kind and affectionate words in which you have alluded to us and to our children, and especially for your reference to our sons, whom we trust soon to welcome home."

The R.W. Past Provincial Grand Master then presented His Royal Highness with a copy of his work—"The History of Freemasonry in Leicestershire," elegantly bound in blue morocco. We understand that the Princess of Wales also graciously signified her willingness to accept a copy of another of our worthy Bro. Kolly's works—"Royal Progresses to Leicester."

The school children having sang two verses of the National Anthem, the Royal cortège passed on to the Park, and the Masonic procession returned to Freemasons' Hall, where the Provincial Grand Lodge was resumed, and after appointing a Steward to represent the Provincial Grand Lodge at the approaching Festival of the Boys' School, and passing votes of thanks to the Corporation for the facilities they had afforded for the presentation of the address, in Market Place—to the Masonic Reception Committee for the very satisfactory arrangements they had made—and to the P.G. Secretary for his services, the P.G. Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of luncheon.

A word of praise is due in particular to the P.G. Director of Ceremonies for the admirable and expeditious manner in which he marshalled and directed the procession. His valuable efforts were ably seconded by the following brethren, who were specially deputed to aid him as Assistant Director of Ceremonies:—Bros. F. J. Baines, W. Wilkinson, B. Moore, F. W. Bottrill, T. Worthington, F. J. Lawton, J. Healey, J. Hassall, J. Hacker, and W. Beeson. The following brethren also rendered valuable service as special Stewards in carrying out the various arrangements of the day for the reception and convenience of the brethren at the hall, viz., Bros. S. A. Marris, R. Curtis, T. G. Charlesworth, S. Knight, J. H. Thompson, W. A. Fielding and W. Bream. The public proceedings on the occasion were brought to a termination by a most brilliant illumination of the town, the leading streets being a blaze of light.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M. P.Z., has undertaken to deliver his Lecture explanatory of the Rituals and Ceremonies of the First Degree to the Lodges of Instruction at Battersea, S.W., on Tuesday evening, 14th inst. Place and time of meeting will be announced in our next number.

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, 3rd JUNE.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
108—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1223—Amberst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

MONDAY, 5th JUNE.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1310—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hye Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1480—Marquess 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, Obampion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Ma. o. de Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptuno, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1678—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 6th JUNE.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 5
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
890—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)
1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 318 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1448—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
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
R.A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
243—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermonth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.

R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 7th JUNE.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
229—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
539—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
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 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
383—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthsh
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescott
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

THURSDAY, 8th JUNE.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
233—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction)
902—Burgovne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1158—Southern Star, Phen-ant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shorditch, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
786—Croxeth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheecham, Lancashire.
1099—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1201—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1116—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1511—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1593—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colshill.
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill

FRIDAY, 9th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Cannonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
 64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
 682—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 10th JUNE.

176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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CRYSTAL PALACE LODGE, No. 742.

THE proceedings at the annual meeting of this Lodge, which was held at the Crystal Palace on Thursday, were of an exceptionally interesting character. The Lodge that day entered on the twenty-fifth year of its existence; while on the same occasion the esteemed Secretary, Bro. William Land, completed the fiftieth year of his life, and was also invested, for the tenth annual period, with the collar of his office. The Lodge was opened at three o'clock by the W.M., Bro. James Blundell, who was supported by Past Masters and Officers, the former body being represented by Bros. W. W. Baxter, Dick Radclyffe, H. T. Thompson, G. Weeks, S. P. Acton, C. D. Hume, H. Cox, R. Roberts, T. Foxall (Treasurer), William Land (Secretary). The following were Visitors:—Bros. Jeff. Holt 807, John Coppen 1719, R. V. Harman 1692, Daniel Grinstead S.W. 1692, E. B. Grabham P.M. 19, T. J. Smith late 742, F. G. Baker P.M. 753, C. Crowther 890, Henri Le Fevre 209, P. H. Recknell P.M. 212, J. H. S. Reid P.M. 209, Edgar Bowyer P.M. 1580 P.P.S.G.W. Herts, James Terry P.M. Secretary R.M.B.I., W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, W. Dickson J.W. 179, S. J. Pitt 890, A. J. Manning P.M. 1472, Gilbert Bauer 198, Courteney Wynne S.W. 25, J. H. Pearson 1567, F. W. Sillis 1744, W. Honeyball Senior Warden 1681, James Lewis 1261, A. Harrison 1766, G. Lewis 1671, and F. Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B. Grand Steward. After the formal business of reading and confirming the minutes, the report of the Audit and Benevolent Fund Committees was received and adopted, and the following notices of motion were considered and agreed to:—"That the sum of twenty guineas be subscribed from the Benevolent Fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and placed on the list of Bro. R. Roberts P.M., who has kindly undertaken the office of Steward for this Lodge at the ensuing Festival." "That the sum of five guineas be added from the Lodge Funds (General Account) to the Land Jubilee Fund." In reference to this latter proposition, it may be stated that a suggestion had been made that the occasion might be appropriately marked by the Lodge offering to Bro. Land, on the jubilee of his birth, their warmest congratulations and hearty good wishes, as well as their best acknowledgments of the faithful discharge of his Lodge duties; and requesting his acceptance of some token of regard and esteem. With this view, Bro. Blundell volunteered to act as President, and Bro. Dick Radclyffe as Vice-President, of a Committee to carry out the proposal. The efforts of the brethren resulted in securing a substantial sum of money, which was partly expended in the purchase of a Tea and Coffee Service. At this stage of the day's proceedings, the pleasurable duty of presenting this testimonial was undertaken by Bro. P.M. Thompson. In addressing the brethren our worthy brother stated that they were departing somewhat from the routine work of the Lodge, but all present would sanction the innovation. As the senior Past Master he had been asked to undertake a difficult, yet perhaps, easy matter. Easy in this respect, as Brother Land was so well known to them all, and the services he had rendered the Lodge were so appreciated, that very little was required for him to say. Difficult in this; he (Brother Thompson) was so intimately acquainted with Bro. Land, and had so frequently acknowledged the obligations that the brethren were under to him, that he could scarcely find anything fresh to say. However, it seems that it was seventeen years since that Brother Land was initiated in the Lodge; he (Bro. Thompson), though but a young Mason then, well remembered the rapt attention the neophyte paid to the ceremony. Other members of the Lodge also remarked this, and all felt proud of him, as they thought he would become a credit to the Crystal Palace Lodge. He had been most intimate with Bro. Land ever since, and whether in his capacity of W.M., or as Secretary of the Lodge, the relationship had

been of a most pleasurable character. What Brother Land had to do had been done well, and his work bore the impress of care and thought. In the year 1875, at the Installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, he had been chosen as the representative of the Lodge, and doubtless all around could see displayed on his breast the much-coveted jewel commemorative of that event. The Charities of our Order had benefitted largely by the zeal of their worthy brother, inasmuch as it was mainly due to his exertions the Lodge had become Vice Patron of the three Masonic Institutions. Bro. Land's ardour had not been confined to Craft Masonry; he had worthily filled the three chairs in the Robert Burns Chapter. He had done active service for seventeen years in the Crystal Palace Lodge, and that day he reached the fiftieth year of his life. The brethren could not hope he would attain another fifty years, but they did hope he would for many years continue the able services he fulfilled so well. Bro. Thompson then personally addressed Bro. Land; he remarked that their worthy Secretary had that day completed the fiftieth year of his life, the Lodge had now entered on the twenty-fifth year of its existence, and very shortly Bro. Land would be invested as Secretary for the tenth year. These three events were to be commemorated, and the way the brethren had decided they should be commemorated was this:—the Lodge desired to offer for his acceptance the Tea and Coffee Service that stood on view, and in making the presentation he fervently hoped their worthy brother might have many, many opportunities of bringing it into use. Bro. Thompson also intimated that later in the evening a souvenir of the occasion, which they trusted would be equally acceptable, would be handed over for the special use of Mrs. Land. Bro. Land, on rising to acknowledge the honour done him, said he had hoped the terrible ordeal through which he had so unexpectedly found himself called upon to pass would have been deferred till a later period of the day, but the brethren had willed it otherwise. The kindness displayed was to him totally unexpected, and he might say unwarranted. True, as Bro. Thompson had said, when he was initiated in the Lodge, seventeen years since, he had listened attentively. The ceremony was performed by Brother John Bertram. He was fortunate, for he was offered, and took office, in a very short time, and resolved he would do whatever duties were allotted him to the best of his ability. He felt most grateful for the kindness and forethought shown by the members of the Lodge. He could scarcely find words to express his feelings, but would doubtless later on have a further opportunity, when he would strive more adequately to tender his thanks. Bro. Hume now took the chair as Installing Master, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Cole, was introduced by Bro. Blundell for the benefits of installation. He heartily assented to the requirements demanded of all Masters, and the obligation was administered. In due course a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and the ceremony proceeded. On the readmission of those who have not yet mounted the levels, the new W.M. was saluted in the three degrees. The Officers were invested as follows—E. Ayres S.W., F. A. Pullen J.W., T. Foxall P.M., Treasurer, W. Land P.M. Secretary, J. Newcomb S.D., J. Kay J.D., W. H. Toten I.G., B. Fulwood P.M. M.C., J. W. Lassam W.S., W. Seymour-Smith Organist, J. Woodstock P.M. Tyler. The addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master in a perfect way. In fact, the whole of the ceremony was carried out in a manner we very seldom find equalled, rarely indeed excelled in any of our Lodges. The receipt of a letter was announced, acknowledging a donation towards the amount required for providing a tomb to the memory of the late Bro. W. Watson, and after a request from a brother to be placed on the list of country members was assented to, Lodge was closed. Before the outgoing Master left the chair, the ceremony of passing was worked on behalf of Bros. F. Wright and Henri le Fevre, the latter by request of the W.M. of No. 209. A banquet was then partaken of, and the after proceedings were presided over by the I.P.M., the new Master's state of health compelling him to leave after the ceremony of the day had been completed. The toasts usual on these occasions were duly honoured; a jewel was presented to Bro. Blundell, in recognition of his services during the past year, and the supplementary monies over and above what had been expended in the purchase of Bro. Land's testimonial were placed in a purse, and handed to him for presentation to Mrs. Land. We regret pressure on our space prevents our giving further particulars of this very successful meeting.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At the meeting on the 23rd ult., at the Liverpool Arms, Barking-road, Canning-town, Bro. Moss S.D. No. 1275 took the chair for the purpose of working the Fifteen Sections. He was supported by Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. 820 S.W., W. J. Smith P.M. 860 J.W., while Bro. W. Musto P.M. 1349 acted as I.P.M. The following brethren took part in the work:—Bros. Stevens, Musto sen., Brittain, Musto jun., Stephens, Pavitt, Stewart; Second Lecture—Bros. Loane, Musto sen., Richardson, Smyth Myers; Third Lecture—Bros. Musto, Stewart, Stevens. In addition to those already enumerated there were present Bros. Winterton, Byford, Jones, Watkins, Prosser, Ives, Stewart, Keable, Job, &c. The following were elected members:—Bros. John Grey Doric 933, W. Curle Leopold 1571, Brittain Burdett-Countts 1278, Richardson Sincerity 174, J. Brown Henley 1472. It was proposed by Bro. P.M. Musto, seconded by Bro. P.M. W. J. Smith, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be given to the W.M. for the ability he had displayed, and he be made an honorary member, the same to be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge of Instruction. After the W.M. had responded, he proposed a vote of thanks to the brethren who so efficiently had assisted in working the Sections.

The West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612, has adjourned over the summer months. The meetings will be resumed at the Chequers Hotel, Ealing, on the first Thursday in September.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE, No. 1602.

THIS Lodge, named after the projector of the New River, Master Hugh Myddelton, who, in consideration of his eminent services, was knighted by James the First, but despite the immense boon he conferred upon the great metropolis, was permitted to die in a miserable state of poverty, commenced the seventh year of its existence on Friday, the 26th ultimo. The headquarters of the Lodge are at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, but in consequence of the heavy demands upon space at this vast establishment for the Horse Show, held this week, the members assembled at the "Old Cock Tavern," Highbury Corner. Lodge was opened at five o'clock by the W.M. Brother John Osborn, who was supported by Past Masters E. J. Sim, T. Coombes, and J. Weston. The other members and Officers of the Lodge were in full force, while among the Visitors were Bros. S. J. Ball 1567, R. H. Dillon M.C. 1567, R. Percy P.M. 228, F. J. Bird J.W. 1897, W. Hurst S.W. 15, S. J. Millin 1567, Franklin Clive 1319, J. E. Humphrey J.W. 167, W. Berry Clarke 186 and 1507, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211. After the minutes of the preceding Lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, the Balance Sheet and Report of the Audit Committee was presented and adopted. The Balance Sheet showed an amount of £37 16s 9d in favour of the Lodge, but we should advise the amount of indebtedness from members to be kept lower, as we think improvement in this desirable for all concerned. However sound the position of a Lodge, members should not be allowed to let their subscriptions fall into arrear. The Lodge, it may be remarked here, has a Benevolent Fund, and a balance of £14 1s 3d stands to the credit side of the account. The event of the day, the installation of Bro. William Norris the W.M. elect, was next proceeded with. The outgoing Master, Bro. John Osborn, is well known as a careful and competent worker, and he performed the ceremony on this occasion in a faultless manner. On the re-admission of those brethren whose ineligibility prevented their joining the Board of Installed Masters, Bro. Norris was saluted in the three degrees, and he appointed the following as his Officers for the ensuing year.—Bros. W. F. Poulton S.W., J. Greenfield J.W., Sam. Ollidge Treas., J. Osborn P.M. Sec., R. Allison S.D., E. Payne (named as) J.D., G. W. Larter I.G., W. Wright Org., F. F. E. Hayes M.C., G. Browne W.S., C. A. Dettmer A.W.S., Thomas Tyler. The several addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, and he took his seat amid hearty congratulations on his having so ably fulfilled the duties of his year of office. It was unanimously agreed that in consideration of the services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. Wright, the Organist, that he be exempt from payment of Lodge dues, excepting, as a matter of course, the annual payment to Grand Lodge. After other business had received due consideration Lodge was closed. A neat and well served banquet, ably superintended by Bro. John Baker, was partaken of by the brethren and their guests. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Norris briefly proposed the Loyal toasts, after which the National Anthem, and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was sung. Bro. Osborn proposed the health of the W.M. He was sure no man more deserved the success which had attended his efforts. Bro. Norris had shown a deep interest in securing the warrant of the Lodge, and he had worked well to advance it. He (Bro. Osborn) had been the sixth Master; he urged the brethren to support their new W.M. In offering the toast of his health, he was assured it would meet a hearty reception at the hands of the brethren. After a song—"Tom Bowling"—by Bro. Dettmer, came the reply of Bro. Norris. The I.P.M. had just put to him the question as to whether he was ready? He had answered yes; but when it came to the point he hardly knew what to say. However, he could assure the members he felt proud to receive so hearty a greeting, and would strain every nerve to deserve the good wishes they had so lavishly vouchsafed him. As one of the founders of the Lodge he was gratified at seeing it in so prosperous a condition. Before resuming his seat, he would offer the next toast for their acceptance. Bro. Osborn likewise was one of the founders of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge; he had ably fulfilled the duties of Secretary during the first years of its existence, and had now passed through the chair of the Lodge. His work had been done to the entire satisfaction of the members, who at the last meeting had unanimously voted him a jewel. This jewel it was now his (Brother Norris's) privilege to present. He did it with a fervent desire that Bro. Osborn might wear it for many years, and continue an honoured and respected member. With great pleasure he would call on the brethren to drink to the health of the Immediate Past Master. The jewel, which had been handed round, was manufactured by Bro. Ollidge, Treasurer of the Lodge, and reflects great credit upon his artistic ability. Bro. Franklin Clive here gave the popular "German Student's Song," which was enthusiastically applauded. Brother Osborn, in responding, was exceedingly grateful to the W.M. for what he had said in his praise. Twelve months since the members had placed him in the chair; when he looked back upon the events of his term of office, he could but think his exertions had met with their approval. Were anything needed to intensify this impression on his mind, he thought it would be found in the unanimity with which the brethren had voted him the jewel. He was Secretary to the Lodge from the time of its commencement till he took the office of Warden, and now he had passed the chair it was decided that he should resume his old functions. Without egotism he might say that as Secretary he was in a position to further the interests of the Lodge, which should always command his services. He thought the Lodge was on a fair road to prosperity; they had had nine gentlemen initiated during the time he ruled as Master, and it was very gratifying to know that other good men and true were coming forward. In conclusion, Brother Osborn hoped he might live for many years to take part in the proceedings. The other toasts were done ample justice to. The Visitors severally responded to the compliment paid them. Bro. Coombes replied for the Past Masters, and made reference in sorrowful terms to the sad illness with which Bro. Somers was afflicted. The musical talent of the members was well exercised, Bros. Dillon, Hurst, and others ably distin-

guishing themselves. We have previously mentioned Bro. Franklin Clive, but we must award him special praise for his rendering of "The Diver." We have never heard it sung better. Bro. Wright, as accompanist, satisfied every requirement.

LOYAL WYE LODGE, No. 1807.

THE Annual Installation meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, Buiith, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., and was numerously attended, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Brother Marmaduke Tennant being the Installing Master. Present—Bros. Wm. Williams W.M. P.G.C., A. Gwynne-Vaughan W.M. elect, William Price S.W., H. V. Thomas J.W., J. W. Coulthard Sec., J. G. Woods J.D., J. Phillips Org., A. Truscott I.G.; also Bros. J. Rees, Dr. Lewis, W. P. Campbell, George Bowen, George Green, Dr. Richardson, Wm. Smith, Dr. Bennett, J. P. Lidstone, P. James, D. Thomas, T. Joseph, J. Farthing, A. Beaven, and H. M. Bradford. Visitors—Bros. W. Whittington P.M. P.G.J.W., J. A. Whittle P.M. P.G.S.W. 651, Frank Grundy P.M. 651, T. Luther Jones, Bangor Lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and then ballot was taken for Messrs. C. P. Peters and S. B. Williams, for initiation, and Bro. A. Beaven as a joining member, each of whom were elected. Bro. J. Luther Jones was proposed as a joining member by Bro. A. Gwynne-Vaughan W.M. elect, and seconded by Bro. Wm. Price S.W. The Deputy Prov. G.M. proceeded to instal the new Master, which ceremony was most impressively performed. Bro. A. Gwynne-Vaughan then invested his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. H. V. Thomas as S.W., B. Davies as J.W., A. Truscott S.D., J. G. Woods J.D., William Price Secretary, John Farthing I.G., J. Phillips Organist, T. Rees and W. Smith Stewards, Dr. Bennett M.C., Gordon Williams Chaplain. The brethren adjourned to the Lion Hotel to do justice to a splendid banquet, prepared by Bro. James. The Deputy, in proposing the health of the W.M., spoke of him as a worthy successor to rule and govern the Lodge, and as one to whom the interest of the Lodge would be a paramount duty, and especially dwelt on the progress of the Loyal Wye Lodge, and to its having lately voted £20 to the Masonic Charities. The W.M. replied, and then proposed the health of the I.P.M., which was most enthusiastically received. Bro. Williams' indefatigable exertions on behalf of the Lodge were fully recognised, and he was congratulated on his recent appointment as Provincial Grand Chaplain. To this he suitably replied. Several Loyal and Masonic toasts closed the evening, which was a very enjoyable one, and long to be remembered in the history of the Loyal Wye Lodge.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—On Wednesday, 31st May, at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Bros. Taplin W.M., Nicholson S.W., Brooks J.W., Cotton S.D., Phillips I.G. and Tyler. After the usual formalities, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bailey candidate. Lodge was called from and to labour. The ancient charge after initiation was delivered. Bro. Bailey, who is but an E.A., was interrogated. Bro. Nicholson was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was closed, and adjourned until Wednesday, the 7th June.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—A meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, 26th ult., at 7.30, Bro. Richard Poore opening the Lodge precisely at the appointed time. The W.M. was supported by Brothers C. H. Phillips S.W., J. Bate J.W., H. Goodwin S.D., G. W. Knight J.D., E. Newby I.G., James Stevens P.M. and Hon. Preceptor, H. M. Williams, G. Hubbard, F. J. Perks, W. H. Chase, T. A. Harper W.M. 1216, and others. The first section having been worked by the brethren, the ceremony of initiation was exceedingly well rehearsed by the W.M., Brother Perks acting as candidate. The examination for proficiency was also rehearsed. Bro. Bate delivered the Charge to the initiate. A portion of the lecture on the first tracing board was given by the Preceptor. A notice of motion for amending By-laws was renewed, and the proposals adjourned for consideration at next meeting. Bro. C. H. Phillips was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was recorded in favour of Brother Richard Poore for his able discharge of the duties of W.M. on this occasion, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.—The regular meeting was held on the 31st ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Air-street, Regent-street. The Lodge was opened by Bros. Abraham W.M., M. Levy S.W., J. Syer J.W., Albert P.G.P. Sec., L. Jacobs Treas., G. T. Mann S.D., Benjamin J.D., Vallentin I.G., D. M. Davis Org., P.M.'s Grunebaum, S. Pollitzer, J. Lazarus, G. Brandon, A. Blumenthal. Visitors—Bros. T. J. Maidwell P.M. 27, E. Swanborough P.M. 1319, Bloomfield 185, Jones Kilburn Lodge, H. M. Levy 188, Paul Levy 1540. The name of a candidate was on the agenda paper for passing, but he was not present. Lodge was closed until October. The brethren sat down to a sumptuous and recherché banquet, provided by Bro. Nicols, and superintended by Bro. Pigache. The W.M., who is an old and respected P.M., occupied the chair. He proposed in eloquent terms, the toast of "The Queen." In introducing the toasts of the Grand Officers, the W.M. said the Lodge felt honoured by the presence of a member who is one of the Grand Officers. The brother he referred to was known to them in another capacity,—that of Secretary. No worthier or better representative of Grand Lodge could be found. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. effectively responded to the toast. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. Bro. E. Swanborough P.M. in reply said he felt proud to be present on this occasion; he had many pleasing recollections of the Lodge. Bro. J. Lazarus P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M., who for the third time occupied the chair in this Lodge. This showed the brethren

ren in what estimation he must be held. The W.M. thanked the brethren; he was gratified at the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. In giving the toast of the Past Masters, the W.M. said he welcomed with pleasure their esteemed Brother Gabriel Brandon P.G.S. In addition, however, they had a goodly array of Past Masters present, who had all worked well for the Lodge. Brother Gabriel Brandon said he assisted at the birth of the Lodge, and was one of its founders. He was pleased, after seventeen years, to see it so flourishing; he regretted not being able to attend so often as he could wish. He sincerely thanked them for their kindness in associating his name with the toast. The Wardens having been complimented, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Joining Members. The claims of the remaining Officers were not overlooked, and special recognition was made of the services of Bro. G. T. Mann, the Organist. The Tyler's toast closed a most harmonious meeting.

At the last meeting of the West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, it was unanimously agreed that the banquet of the Lodge should take place on the first Thursday in September, and Bros. Tucker, Bellerby, Wells, and Smith were appointed as a Committee to make the necessary arrangements. A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Preceptor Tucker and Bro. Secretary Wells for their services during the past session.

UNDER THE TONGUE OF GOOD REPORT.

EVERY Mason knows well what the above phrase signifies, and when we recollect how much it does really mean, how important it is that we should guard with great care the portals of the Lodge-room. "Guard well the outer door" is a maxim the Hiramite should never forget; it is his sworn duty to do so. Would he receive into his house or take to his house as a friend a man destitute of moral character, or introduce into his home circle the libertine and the profane? No. How dare he then permit one, whom he knows to be a libertine, a gambler, or a blasphemer, to cross the threshold of the Masonic Lodge. Accept not any candidate that does not come literally and truthfully under "the tongue of good report."

The object of every Mason should be to raise the standard of Freemasonry; to make the Fraternity what it should be, a brotherhood in the highest sense of the word, of honourable, true and upright men. To be negligent in this respect shows a criminal carelessness that is deserving of the highest censure. The brother that is careless in this particular, and neglects the duties of his Lodge, will never make a good Hiramite or prove to be true to the principles of the Order. How can he? if he does not care sufficiently for the material of the foundation of the temple, what regard can he have for the quality of the superstructure? NONE, and such a Mason is not worthy to be called a follower of the Widow's Son.

The importance of securing the best men for the first three degrees is all important. We cannot lay too much stress upon this. Generally speaking the practical benefits of the Craft are distributed by the Blue Lodge, and it is the universal Masonry that is acknowledged wherever civilization has penetrated. It is Freemasonry that brethren of every degree must acknowledge, and that is known and practised in every part of the world; and it matters not to how many branches of the Order a brother may belong, his first allegiance is due to Symbolic Masonry. Hence the great and paramount importance to be attached to regular duties. If bad men, or even careless men, are accepted, the welfare of the society is at stake, and every Mason should be sufficiently interested in the Brotherhood to examine well the character of those who seek admission to our mysteries.

We entirely fail to understand how any Hiramite can be so lost to his sense of duty, and so regardless as to his obligations, as not to pay strict attention to the nature of the material that is brought up for the building of the Temple. We are presumed to be engaged in a sacred work, and if we are derelict in our duties and careless with regard to our responsibilities, we have forgotten the principles that we promised to support, and negligent of those important lessons that it should be our pride to teach and our glory to practise. The Mason that will admit a candidate to our mysteries that he knows to be unworthy should be expelled from our Fraternity, for he is striking a death blow to our Institute, and he has woefully perjured himself in the sight of God and in the eyes of his brethren.

The Lodge should be the Masonic home of every Hiramite, and, in order to keep it so, none must be admitted excepting those who are "under the tongue of good report." We are a great social and moral organization, professing certain fixed principles and advocating certain dogmas. To admit a man amongst us who openly violates these, and by his course of life shows his utter disregard for them, is a heinous offence. We, by so doing, destroy our Masonic home and drive from the Lodge those whom we love to honour. The swearing, cursing, blaspheming Mason is a hideous nightmare to those who understand our traits. The scoffer at religion and the habitue of the gambling hell are surely not fit companions for a band of men who have professed their belief in the Divine Godhead and acknowledge their faith in the brotherhood of man. That creatures so demoralised do at times gain admission within our portals cannot be denied; but if gentle admonition and kindly advice fail to reclaim them, it is our duty to drive them from our midst.

One foul-mouthed animal, in form of a man, in heart a loathsome creature, will do more in one year to demoralize a Lodge and disgrace Freemasonry than ten good men can do in the same length of time to purify and reclaim it. This is a stubborn fact; consequently, let every Mason ever guard well the outer door, and see that none are initiated into our mysteries who do not live a pure and moral life, and, believing in the Heaven inspired doctrines of Freemasonry, are "under the tongue of good report."—*Masonic Tablet*.

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