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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THERE was a very full gathering of members at the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge on Wednesday. The Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master was on the throne, and the Grand Wardens' chairs were occupied by the Grand Wardens for the year respectively. The preliminary formalities having been carried out, and the address to the Queen on her escape from assassination, and Her Majesty's gracious reply having been ordered to be permanently recorded on the minutes of Grand Lodge, Brother James Stevens at once rose and asked the Grand Master whether, as he purposed in the course of the evening bringing forward a question of privilege, his Lordship was of opinion he should do so then or later. The Grand Master ruled that, if Brother James Stevens confined himself to the mere question of privilege, and avoided all discussion of the matter, which had given rise to it, he had better do so at once. Thereupon, Bro. Stevens explained the particular question he was desirous of bringing under notice as being one which affected the privileges of the brethren generally. The Board of Masters had refused to accept a notice of motion which he (Bro. Stevens) had forwarded for insertion in the agenda paper. This they had done on the advice of Bro. Grand Registrar, whom they had consulted, and who had expressed his belief that such a motion as Bro. Stevens had desired to give notice of was an interference with the prerogative of the Grand Master. He (Bro. Stevens) however, demurred to this view. There was nothing, he said, in the Book of Constitutions to the letter or spirit of which it was opposed. He would yield to none in the respect he felt for the prerogative of the Grand Master, but the Book of Constitutions laid it down specifically that Grand Lodge had the power to debate and decide upon all questions which were brought before it, and the humblest of its members had the right to express his opinions. Such interference very seriously affected this freedom of discussion, and he held it was high time the brethren below the dais should receive fair treatment. Having made a personal remark, which had better have been left unsaid, Brother Stevens concluded his speech by saying that, as regards his motion, there was no reason why it should not have been inserted just as well as those that were there. He considered he had been wrongly interfered with, and was desirous of recording his protest. Bro. Duff-Filer P.G.S.B. having inquired what the said notice of motion was which had been rejected, and the Earl of Carnarvon having expressed his willingness to allow it to be described, but without discussion of its merits, Bro. Stevens gave the needful information, namely, that his motion was to the effect that, having regard to the great increase in the number of Lodges in the metropolitan area during the past twenty-five years, Grand Lodge should "respectfully represent to his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master the propriety of sub-dividing such metropolitan area into four District Grand Lodges." Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Grand Registrar, in reply, said he was of opinion the Board of Masters had done right in declining to place Bro. Stevens's notice of motion on the agenda paper. It was not a question that came within the cognizance of Grand Lodge, as it was the prerogative of the M.W.G.M. to constitute Provinces and appoint Prov. G. Masters, and he instanced the case of the Provinces of the Isle

of Wight and Hampshire, one of which had been merged in the other. That being so, any discussion that would touch the Grand Master's prerogative was illegal. Again, the motion was misconceived, as it spoke of making District Grand Lodges, which differed from Provincial Grand Lodges, in that they possessed the power of expulsion, which the latter did not. It must be remembered that, as a great legislative assembly, Grand Lodge had the power of making laws for the guidance of the Craft, those laws being passed by the individual votes of the members, and being binding even on the Grand Master himself, but it had no power to interfere with or trench upon the prerogative of the G.M. Grand Registrar then discussed at some length the motion of Bro. Stevens, to whom he referred, with what we cannot but consider as in very bad taste, as "Mr. James Stevens," because that brother had courteously sent him by post two printed slips of a letter of his, "with Mr. James Stevens's compliments." However, Bro. Stevens, with the Grand Master's permission, replied briefly, pointing out that his motion did not propose to make a law, which, of course, would be binding on all members of the Craft, from the highest to the lowest, but only that Grand Lodge should make a respectful representation to the Grand Master on the subject. He further explained that, in using the word "District," he had not intended it in the sense in which the Grand Registrar had understood it, but in the sense in which it was used postally as "N.W. Metropolitan District," &c. &c. The Grand Master thereupon summed up the whole question, which he said was a serious one, so far as the right of a brother to bring any matter before Grand Lodge for free discussion, was touched. For himself, he had always looked upon it as a right that should be jealously guarded, but at the same time it was of equal importance that Grand Lodge should uphold the integrity of the Grand Master's prerogative, which was one of the ancient landmarks of the Order. As regarded the question itself, from the manner in which it had come before them, it was very difficult to follow. He was bound to say there had been little else than a mere statement by the brother who was anxious to bring forward his motion of its scope and character, while, on the other hand, there had been a very elaborate and clear argument stated against it by the Grand Registrar, so that one side of the case was heavily weighted as compared with the other. Were he called upon to decide the whole of the question, and the grounds upon which it had been brought forward and argued, he should be in some difficulty, as it would be impossible for him to satisfy himself how far each part of the regulations applied to the particular question. But the matter narrowed itself to a very small issue. The proposition affected the prerogative of the Grand Master. The sub-division of the Metropolis into the four Grand Lodges raised a grave constitutional question, and it was absolutely necessary that any motion of such a character should be worded in a manner to which no objection whatever, whether technically or otherwise, could be taken. As the motion stood, it was unintelligible, as there could be no such thing as four District Grand Lodges in London, a District Grand Lodge being totally different from a Provincial Grand Lodge. On that ground, therefore, though he allowed it was a narrow one, he was of opinion that the Board of Masters had acted rightly in refusing to allow such a motion to be submitted to Grand Lodge, and should rule that the motion was out of order.

We may here go out of our way to remark that we have no intention of entering upon any argument as to the merits of Bro. Stevens's proposition, to be respectfully submitted to His Royal Highness the Grand Master, for the subdivision of the Metropolitan area into four districts, with a body presiding over each, which, whatever name might be bestowed upon it, would possess powers and privileges similar to those of an ordinary Provincial Grand Lodge. What concerns us now is, the discussion we have just recorded, in which, though the apparent victory lay with the Grand Registrar, the real honours of war fell to Bro. Stevens. True, he made one unfortunate step when he went needlessly out of his way to refer personally to the Editor of our London contemporary; but it seems to us, that after reading carefully between the lines of Lord Carnarvon's speech, and from the fact that in the decision he arrived at he justified the action of the Board of Masters, not on the ground that the motion was one that ought not to be discussed in Grand Lodge, but because it was unintelligibly worded,—we say, under these circumstances, it appears to us that Bro. Stevens was the actual victor, while Bro. Grand Registrar, though ostensibly victorious, has in fact been put to the rout. Remembering, however, what comparisons have been described as being, we content ourselves with remarking that it is Bro. Stevens's intention to send in a notice of motion for next Communication, which shall not labour under the disadvantage of being senseless or unintelligible.

Let us now return to the proceedings of Grand Lodge. The Reports of the Lodge of Benevolence and Board of General Purposes were accepted, the usual compliment being paid to Sir John B. Monckton for his services as President of the latter, and acknowledged by that brother. The Report of the Committee appointed in March to consider and report upon the finances and present income of Grand Lodge was adopted on the motion of Bro. General Brownrigg, and the annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was submitted. The proposition of Bro. Baron de Ferrières, M.P., as to the manner in which the votes, on a division, should be taken, was carried on a show of hands. Then followed the discussion of Brother J. M. Clabon's motion that in order to meet the increased demands on the Fund of Benevolence, every member of a London Lodge should pay eighteen pence quarterly instead of one shilling as heretofore, and the members of Provincial Lodges ninepence per quarter instead of sixpence. Bro. Clabon showed indubitably, by figures, that the Fund had spent more than it received in the years 1880 and 1881, though for several years previous the picture was exactly the reverse, and it had received more than it spent. He spoke in favour of large grants, which he argued gave the recipients a chance of setting themselves right again, whereas small grants were probably absorbed in the payment of a few debts. Bros. Tombs, Montague Guest, M.P. Prov. G. Master Dorsetshire, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks opposed the motion. Bro. Major Penrice G.S.D. moved, as an amendment, that the question should be postponed until the opinion of the Provincial brethren had been tested, and though Bro. James Stevens suggested that he would support the motion if it were amended so as to levy a payment of one shilling quarterly on all brethren, whether Provincial or London, Bro. Penrice's amendment was put from the chair and carried. Bro. Clabon, however, will bring the question forward again at the December meeting of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Raynham Stewart's motion for a grant from the Fund of General Purposes of £300 to the Male Fund, and £500 to the Female Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was then submitted, General Brownrigg P.G.M. Surrey moving as an amendment that the grant should be £400, a moiety to be given to each Fund. A division was taken, when there appeared for the amendment 72, against it 82—majority 10. Bro. Stewart's motion was then put—85 voting in its favour, and 72 against it—majority 13. It was therefore declared carried.

The following brethren were declared elected on the Board of General Purposes:—

	Votes
Bro. Charles Atkins P.M. 27	325
Edgar Bowyer W.M. 1964	322
Frank Green W.M. 1827	248
Edwd. Letchworth W.M. 197	235
William Stephens P.M. 1489	223
A. Meadows, M.D., P.M. 4	195
Henry Bishop P.M. 661	181

Wm. Smallpeice P.M. 1395	175
C. C. Cheston W.M. 99	172
Edwd. Beaumont W.M. 26	165
W. Bristow, W.M. G.S. Lodge	157
Ralph Clutton W.M. 143	154
H. R. Cooper-Smith P.M. 478	149
A. H. Tattershall P.M. 140	145

The Pro Grand Master announced that the Grand Master had nominated Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton as President of the Board, Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., W. J. Harrison, Q.C., James E. Saunders, F. Philbrick, Q.C.; J. A. Rucker, Thomas Fenn, Peter de Lande Long, Rule, and Piggott, D.C.L., members of the Board.

Colonial Board:—Bros. Henry Francis Auldjo W.M. 92, J. Brett P.M. 177, Augustus T. Day W.M. 166, Ralph Gooding P.M. 1, William George Lemon W.M. 1601, James Henry Matthews P.M. 143, and Griffiths Smith P.M. 21.

Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons:—Bros. J. J. Berry P.M. 554, Thomas W. C. Bush P.M. 1728, Charles A. Cottebrune P.M. 733, William H. Goodall W.M. 1567, Henry McPherson P.M. 890, George L. Moore P.M. 169, William J. Murlis P.M. 1642, Robert Perry Tate P.M. 862, Alf. H. Tattershall P.M. 140, and James Willing jun. 1507.

It was announced that the Grand Master had appointed Bro. Rucker President of the Colonial Board, and Bros. Sandeman and Brackstone Baker members; Bro. Griffiths Smith Vice President. The Grand Master also nominated on the Committee of Management of the Benevolent Institution Bros. A. F. A. Woodford, Shadwell H. Clerke, R. H. Giraud, Jabez Hogg, Captain N. G. Philips, Colonel Burney, J. S. Peirce, W. F. Nettleship, James Brett, and James Kench.

Colonel Creaton's motion, that £70 be voted for coals for the Aged People at Croydon was carried; and Bro. Budden, owing to the lateness of the hour, having asked that his resolution might stand over till December, Grand Lodge was closed.

Amongst those present were Bros. General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Master Surrey, as Deputy Grand Master, Montague Guest, M.P., Prov. G.M. Dorsetshire, as Past Grand Master, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. Sussex, Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Griqualand, Sir Pryse-Pryse, Bart., P.Prov. G.M. South Wales West, Rev. T. Robinson G.C., Rev. T. Cochrane G.C., Lt.-Col. Creton G. Treasurer, Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Grand Registrar, Sir J. B. Monckton President of the Board of General Purposes, E. E. Wendt Secretary for German Correspondence, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Major Penrice G.S.D., W. G. Harrison, Q.C., G.S.D., Capt. Beswicke-Royds G.J.D., R. C. Else G.J.D., Horace Jones Grand Superintendent of Works, Sir Albert Woods (Garter) G. D. of C., R. T. Pigott Assistant G.D. of Cer., John Messent Grand Sword Bearer, H. S. Alpass Grand Standard Bearer, Wilhelm Ganz as Grand Organist, H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, W. R. Wood Grand Pursuivant, L. F. Littell G.A.P.; P.G. Chaplains Revs. J. E. Cox, Pickard, T. W. Hayes, A. Hall, C. Arnold, Brownrigg, C. R. Davy; Past Grand Deacons—Major General H. Clerk, Captain N. G. Philips, J. Sampson Peirce, Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Somerville-Burney, J. H. Scott, R. F. Gould, J. M. Case, James Glaisher, C. W. C. Hutton, Raynham W. Stewart, Brackstone Baker, H. C. Levander, Frank Richardson, T. Fenn, Peter de Lande Long, H. C. Tombs, Robert Grey, J. A. Rucker; P.A.G.D.C.'s Magnus Ohren, George Burt, J. Lewis Thomas; P.G.S.B.'s Charles Greenwood, A. J. Duff-Filer, Joshua Nunn, George Lambert; P.G.O. C. E. Willing; P.G.P.'s James Brett, W. T. Howe, C. A. Cottebrune, W. Clark, &c.

#### MARK GRAND LODGE.

WE give elsewhere a report of the proceedings of Tuesday last, when the Summer Half-yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for England and Wales, &c., was held at Freemasons' Tavern. The report contains a record of the chief business then transacted, but a few remarks in addition may not be out of place. Thus the General Report contains the gratifying

information that in the half year ended 31st March 1882, 741 certificates—a larger number than had been issued in any previous period of equal length—were granted, thus raising the number of Mark Master Masons to 16,139. Warrants for seven new Lodges were also granted, the highest number being 298, and also 157 certificates in the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner and Warrants for three Royal Ark Lodges were issued, the registered number of members of this degree being now 1116. Other matters worthy of note include the division of Tunis and Malta into two Provinces, Bro. Broadley having resigned his office as Prov. Grand Master. The new Provincial Grand Lodges are known as those of North Africa, with Bro. T. Fellowes Reade, H.B.M. Consul General as Provincial Grand Master; and the Mediterranean District, including Malta, Gibraltar, and Sicily with Brother Chev. E. Rosenbusch as Prov. Grand Master. A similar division of New Zealand has also been effected, the new arrangement providing for a Provincial Grand Lodge of Auckland with Bro. H. G. Wade as its Prov. Grand Master, and a Provincial Grand Lodge of Westland with Bro. John Bevan as Provincial Grand Master. Acknowledgments of the resolutions, of sympathy with Mrs. Garfield, of congratulation to the Queen on her happy escape from the hands of the assassin, and of congratulation with Prince Leopold Duke of Albany on his marriage, were also noted. The Grand Treasurer's accounts are also subject for congratulation. In spite of the extraordinary expenditure in connection with the Hall, amounting to over £200, there remained a balance in hand at the close of the half year of, in round figures, £310. Similarly, the Benevolent Fund, though the sum of £117 7s was transferred from it to the Education Fund, and £103 5s expended in the purchase of £100 Natal 4½ per cent. Bonds, showed a balance of £167 16s. The sum in hand in respect of the Education Fund, on 31st March last, was only £13 8s 3d, but this is accounted for by the outlay of £206 10s in the purchase of £200 Natal 4½ per cent. Bonds, the actual expenditure being a fraction less than £28. As to the invested funds, these consist of £1,700 General Fund, £1,500 Benevolent Fund, and £700 Education Fund, and a further investment on account of the General Fund, of £300, has been ordered, making the total of these £4,200.

It only remains for us to echo the wishes of Bro. Binckes, that the fourteenth Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which is to take place at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday, 19th July, under the presidency of the Earl of Kintore, Deputy G.M.M.M., will prove a success, and the rapid and well-sustained progress made of late by this degree fully justifies the expression of this hope. We may further add, that several letters of regret were read from brethren, stating their inability to be present at the meeting, among these unavoidable absentees being the Earl of Kintore D.G.M. Master, and Bros. Rev. Canon Tristram P.G.M. Northumberland and Durham, and W. Kelly P.G.M. Leicestershire.

#### THE PRINCE OF WALES AT ETON.

THOSE who labour under the impression that the life of an heir apparent to the British Crown is, to use a familiar phrase, all play and no work, must latterly have had the opportunity of undeceiving themselves. Last week we chronicled the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Leicester. A few days later and we find the former in Norfolk, the county of his adoption, carefully inspecting a regiment of militia under the command of his friend and brother Mason, Lord Suffield. Now he is representing Royalty at Ascot, and on Monday he paid a visit to Eton with his wife, for the purpose of unveiling the screen in the College Chapel, which has been erected as a memorial to old Etonians who fell in the service of their country during the late South African campaigns. Monday was chosen for the occasion because this year, 4th June, the anniversary of George III.'s birthday, fell on Sunday, and the speech day, which is held in honour of that venerable monarch, had in consequence to be held the day following. There was one slight drawback, for which the Clerk of the Weather was responsible; but as a great part of the proceedings, and certainly the most important, took place under cover, the rain which fell at intervals did not cause quite so much

inconvenience as might have been expected. The ceremony of the day was simple enough. The Prince and Princess arrived punctually at noon, and were received by the Provost, the Head Master, and the Fellows, and by a guard of honour of the Eton College Volunteers, under the command of Captain Goodford, son of the Provost. The Royal party were at once conducted to "Upper School," where the customary speeches and recitations were given, the youthful orators acquitted themselves in a most successful manner. At one o'clock, their Royal Highnesses proceeded to the chapel, where, after a very brief service, the screen—of Gothic design, and the work of the late Mr. George Street—was uncovered. At two o'clock, lunch was served in the College Hall, covers being laid for 115 guests. The Provost presided, and among those present were the Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Dean of Westminster, Lady Plunket, Lord Leconfield, Bro. the Earl of Fife P.G.M. Banffshire, Bro. Lord Carrington G.S.W. England, Bro. the Earl of Lathom D.G.M. England, and the Countess of Lathom, &c. After replying to the toast of his health, the Prince gave that of "Floreat Etona" and, in doing so, related the touching incident which occurred at the fight on Laing's Nek in Africa, when a young officer of the Guards, once at Eton, and a comrade rode to the front and the former fell just as he had cried out to the latter "Floreat Etona." With the toast was associated the name of Dr. Hornby Head Master, who, in felicitous terms, acknowledged the compliment. Their Royal Highnesses then visited the "playing fields," and stayed some time watching the progress of a cricket match. The day's proceedings were brought to a close by the annual procession of boats to Surly Hall, and a grand display of fireworks on one of the eyots just above Eton and Windsor Bridge.

#### MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL, IRELAND.

THE General Half-yearly Meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Schoolhouse, Burlington-road, on Tuesday morning, 6th June, and was very largely attended. The result of the scrutiny of the recent ballot for the election of nine children from the list of candidates for admission was announced as follows:—

Emma E. Cochrane	-	-	-	-	-	2346
Florence Pierce	-	-	-	-	-	2267
Georgiana M. Hope	-	-	-	-	-	2224
Constance Barnes	-	-	-	-	-	2145
Mona McAllister	-	-	-	-	-	1973
Alice M. M. Ryall	-	-	-	-	-	1714
Sarah G. E. Phair	-	-	-	-	-	1707
Ada C. Rapson	-	-	-	-	-	1505
Eveline M. Brontë	-	-	-	-	-	1367
Mary Stewart	-	-	-	-	-	1185
Alice M. C. Sandy	-	-	-	-	-	1162
Jane Black	-	-	-	-	-	1078
Margaret Davis	-	-	-	-	-	697

Emma E. Cochrane, Florence Pierce, Georgiana M. Hope, Constance Barnes, Mona McAllister, Alice M. M. Ryall, Sarah G. E. Phair, Ada C. Rapson, and Eveline M. Brontë were accordingly declared duly elected. The Bazaar Committee presented their report, from which it appears that the receipts from the Masonic Bazaar amounted to £7,520 16s 7d, the expenditure to £966 2s 1d, and the net profit realised for the benefit of the School to £6,554 14s 6d. The stalls realised £5,600 2s 10d. The Dublin Lodge No. 25 and Victoria 4 headed the list with £505 and £501 17s 2d, and were followed by the Province of South Munster (Cork) and Antrim and Down (Belfast) with £420 and £355. Hiram Lodge was next with £312 18s, of which £212 18s was produced by the outside car presented by Bros. Sanderson. A detailed balance sheet accompanied the report. The Entertainments, &c. produced £323 11s 8d, and the sum of £1,597 2s was paid for tickets and at the doors, representing upwards of 43,000 admissions to the Exhibition during the Bazaar. It was reported that no accident or misadventure of any kind occurred during the whole progress of the undertaking, which was carried through with such unexampled success.

## THE SUMMER RECESS.

ONCE more the season has come upon us when the brethren cast about them with pleasant anticipations in view of varying the somewhat monotonous round of the labour of the winter session. Green fields and smiling landscapes, just now attired in their brightest livery, invite us to scenes of healthful relaxation; and happy are the men who can spare the time and means to enjoy those changes which are so recuperative both of mental and physical vigour. There is an agreeable ring in the suggestion of the I.P.M., when the winter's work is done, and he rises to propose that "the summer banquet be held as usual, and that a committee be appointed to carry out the necessary arrangements." By no means let it be understood the brethren have become weary of well-doing, or that their interest in the real work of the Craft has in any way abated. But "variety is charming" in every phase of life; and, having acquitted themselves with fervency and zeal in the practical labour of the year, there is no more laudable aspiration than that the mental and bodily faculties should be allowed to rest, and to acquire fresh strength for the coming round of duty. There are many aspects in which we may regard the utility and desirableness of a summer Masonic vacation. In the country, where Lodges are held at distant intervals, we can readily imagine the brethren are not so disposed to any such intermission of the routine of work. They come in from the outlying districts once a month, and sometimes less frequently, and the *réunion* is to them as invigorating as an "outing" into the country is to the pent up dweller in the City. They are always in the midst of Nature's freshness, and know no such delight as the Londoner experiences when he sets out with walking stick and satchel, to inhale the fresh country air, and to gaze away from the eternal bricks and mortar upon the beauties of wood and field. Moreover, their opportunities for social intercourse and enjoyment are not so prolific as we find them in the City, and consequently the meetings of Lodge are amongst the most enjoyable means of cultivating those amenities which form the chief enjoyment of provincial life. There are not wanting, however, occasions when the bonds of fraternity are even there relaxed, and when the brethren invite within the circles of their hospitality those to whom the "mysteries and privileges" are unfamiliar. We speak in the recollection of glorious trips by road and rail, of picnics spread in orthodox fashion under the spreading forest trees, and amidst sylvan glades, the splendour and silence of which are seldom broken except by the song of birds—of joyous excursions by river and sea, when cabin and saloon ring with the ripple of merriment and laughter, or the island summer hostelry is made reverberant with the interchange of friendly greetings. Happy days these, when the heart is young, and Masonic zeal, as well as the aspirations of life, are just blossoming into fullness and enthusiasm. It is not merely that the anticipations of pleasant hours are realised by the careful and considerate study of the Stewards who undertake the duty of arranging the preliminaries, but there linger a train of after reminiscences which give zest to the ardour of the brethren and pleasure to those who have been the recipients of their hospitalities. If, however, these summer gatherings are so fruitful of good influences amongst our country cousins who meet in necessarily so limited a company, how much more conducive to hearty good-fellowship in the wider circles of those who in populous towns are unacquainted with much of the social affinity which binds provincial friends together? Most of our brethren whose sphere of business lies in the City are glad to get away at evening to their suburban residences, where the home circle is limited to a few intimate friends. When the Lodge meets, the brethren, who are of course most intimate and fraternal, congregate from distant places, and have few opportunities of bringing the members of their families into social contact. At the summer picnic, however, there are presented ample and most congenial opportunities for the cultivation of old, and the making of new, friendships; and we may reckon amongst the best and staunchest of our acquaintance many whose hands we first grasped at a gathering such as those which will soon be occurring not infrequently in Masonic circles. There are many who object to these meetings, on the score that they are not solely directed to the cause of Charity; and that the money so

expended might be more usefully applied. But such objections are as a rule frivolous, and often do not emanate from those who are foremost in the cause of benevolence. It is true that the proceeds of the bazaars, balls, and other *réunions* held during the winter are applied to some benevolent purpose, specified, and in this respect the summer picnic is distinguished as being solely for the purposes of pleasure. But when we consider the many happy influences which are fostered, the gratification afforded by admitting the fair sex to a participation in the pleasanties to which even Masons may be pardoned for occasionally devoting themselves, there is much to commend the principle to our favourable acceptance. It can hardly be expected that the brethren will be found to muster in any strength in Lodge when the evenings are warm, and the atmosphere of rooms is stuffy and oppressive; and even when an earnest invitation to attend is issued the work under such circumstances is scarcely such as one feels a pleasure in assisting at. To blend business with recreation, therefore, is to our mind an acceptable doctrine, though it must be admitted that the amount of practical work done at a summer Lodge is invariably small, the inducements to outdoor exercises being of far too seductive a character to admit of very lengthy or serious application to work. The process is more usually a quiet hour of working, with just as much as is necessary to transact the business on the agenda paper, and then to hie away to the felicitations of assembled friends and the inevitable concomitants of such a happy event. The repast is spread beneath the tented canopy, amidst a profusion of flowers, the smiles of the fair, and the hearty handshaking of fraternal friends all round; the post-prandial speeches are few and brief, and altogether in agreeable contrast with the ordinary official programme. The veterans unite in consultation over matters with which they are peculiarly conversant, and recount "old times," when Masonry was not so popular and important as it now is, with a vivacity begotten of experience and happy recollections, while the younger branches improvise and carry out those pastimes which are always to be found on such occasions, and the day is passed in a perfect round of amity. Can it be said that time so employed is thrown away? Does it not brace the working members to a heightened sense of the value of the fraternal impulses which prompt the event, and give fresh tone to the work which must necessarily follow hereafter? We think so, and so far from looking with even a shadow of disapprobation upon these summer gatherings, over which we know some well-intentioned brethren quibble—seeing their object is not the promotion of Charity, pure and simple—we yet see in them much that is conducive of well-being to the Craft, and a blending of interests which must in the end foster and conserve those sentiments of brotherly love which is so essential an element in Freemasonry. The "recess" is to a healthy Lodge, so constituted, a cordial and a tonic which will help it over the next arduous session in a way that cannot fail to benefit alike its members and those lay acquaintances who are drawn within the cycle; and with this end in view we hail the many announcements which have already been made of their intention to celebrate the summer holiday, "as usual."

A grand musical and miscellaneous entertainment was given on the 4th inst., at Sir Moses Montefiore Literary and Art Society, 32 Tavistock-place, by the Montefiore Cyclists Club, under the direction of Bro. Israel Abrahams, F.R.S.L., &c., and the Hon. Sec. S. J. Weingott. The hall was crowded by an enthusiastic audience, who fully recognised the ability of the several artists who gave their assistance. Miss Florence Marks sang charmingly, as also did Miss Annie Brightstein, and Signora R. Fontana. Sig. Leoni's excellent voice was fully appreciated. Bro. J. Cheevers gave one of his celebrated Irish Songs, while Dr. Holden, in *Magical Marvels*, completely puzzled the audience by his wonderful dexterity. Mr. Percy Strandes, R.A.M., of the Guildhall School of Music, was a very able accompanist. Credit is due to Messrs. Richardson, S. Abrahams, C. Weingott, J. Valentine, and E. P. Valentine for their exertions for the comfort of the visitors.

The last meeting for the present session of the Earl Spencer Lodge of Instruction will be held at the Swan Hotel, Battersea Bridge, on Wednesday evening, the 14th inst., at eight o'clock precisely, when Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., on the invitation of the Lodge, will deliver his lecture explanatory of the rituals of the ceremonies of the first degree. A large gathering of local brethren is expected on this occasion.

## A RUN ROUND HOLDERNESS.

WE have great pleasure in publishing the following interesting and chatty description of a part of England which is rich in historical associations and offers many attractive features to the tourist who is capable of appreciating beautiful scenery and quaint remains of ancient buildings, and who at the same time can judge, at least approximately, of the enormous benefits conferred by human inventions and discoveries of the present century. However, the paper speaks with sufficient eloquence for itself, and we are convinced our readers will be none the less delighted with it because, for the time, Bro. Whytehead is expending some of his surplus enthusiasm in describing a part of Yorkshire instead of tracing a Masonic pedigree or the ramifications of Freemasonry, (say) in the seventeenth century. We may add that we are indebted to the *Keystone* of Philadelphia for the article.

It seems many a long day since I had the pleasure of writing to you, but business has so much increased upon me as to leave but scant leisure for the joys of Masonic correspondence. Neither have I had the time to make any excursions as aforetime, concerning which you have had from time to time rough notes. Some months ago you had from me an account of Hornsea, and a portion of the east coast section of this country of broad acres, and as I have just enjoyed a few more days of bracing air in the same district, perhaps a page or two of further jottings regarding the same interesting locality may interest you.

The peculiar feature of the coast all along the bight from Burlington to Hornsea and south towards Spurn Point, is the constant decay and demolition of the coast line. The cliffs are low and of clay, and, daily, masses of this clay are dislodged by the ceaseless action of waves and weather, and washed away by the receding tides, are thrown up again at the mouth of the Humber, where additions to the land are constantly being made in proportion to the quantity torn away from the more northerly coast line. A walk on Hornsea sands is just the thing to wipe out of one's lungs the cobwebs of journalistic life, and as the dark rolling waves thunder in, and rush in creamy foam to our feet, and a stiff breeze from the northward compels us to button our coats and bend to our work, we can feel the glorious effects of the iodine with which the air is laden, and think with new sensations of the dinner that will await us at the hospitable farmhouse where we propose to take our night's rest. Hornsea church is now close to the sea, but it is said that when it was built it was ten miles from high water mark. This is a very doubtful statement, but local tradition is very strong, and is preserved in the following distich :

" Hornsea steeple, when I built thee,  
Thou wast ten miles off Burlington,  
Ten miles off Beverly, and ten miles off sea."

All the surrounding district is of interest, and history makes sacred ground of many a quiet country town and unassuming hamlet. Beverly and its exquisite Gothic minster (of which I wrote you on a former occasion), Watton and its still beautiful abbey, now a farmhouse, founded in 1148 by Eustice Fitz-John, in expiation of his life of rapine and murder; Leckonfield, once the residence of the proud Percies, Earls of Northumberland, demolished in the reign of James I., and its materials used in the repairs of Wressel Castle, another seat of the same family. Both at Leckonfield and at Wressel the Percies lived in grander state than many a monarch. Their council was composed of officers of the household, who were all gentlemen of coat armour. They maintained eleven domestic chaplains, commanded by a Doctor of Divinity, and full choral service was thrice daily performed in the private chapel. At Leckonfield the ordinary establishment consisted of 166 persons, and an average of 53 strangers were entertained every day. From the old household books, some of which have been preserved, we gather much information respecting the ways and means of the family. The annual consumption of food was 250 quarters of malt, 12 quarters of wheat, 647 sheep, 131 beeves, 25 hogs, 28 calves, and 40 lambs, and the thirst of the family and their friends was assuaged (or augmented) by ten tuns and two hogsheads of Gascony wine. The daily routine was something like the following : At 6 a.m. the family met in the chapel for service. At 7 the Earl and Countess breakfasted off a chine of boiled beef or mutton, with a quart of ale or wine. Dinner was served at 10 a.m., and supper at 4 p.m., and at 9 p.m. the gates were closed and barred, the warden mounted guard, and the family turned in.

As we trudge along the sands we pass Skipsea, the site of the Castle of Drogo, the first Norman Lord of the Seignory of Holderness. Of him and his doings I think I have previously written, and need not repeat. The rising tide at last compels us to leave the sand and continue our walk along the margin of the cliff, from the edge of which masses of earth are constantly slipping. Hence we get a finer view of the German ocean, the horizon dotted with numerous sails of coasting colliers and passenger steamers, whilst in the great bay are to be seen fishing boats plying their trade. Some hours of fast walking bring us to the watering place of Burlington Quay, now somewhat forlorn, owing to the absence of visitors. Our entry into the hotel creates quite a sensation at a time of year when guests are unexpected, and a seedy-looking waiter, who appears to have been sucking the stump of a cigar, in his shirt sleeves, dives into a recess and presently emerges in a claw-hammer coat, and with a dirty napkin over his arm, and makes a pretence of arranging the coffee-room table. Our wants are very modest, and some bread and cheese and a quart apiece of Yorkshire "Samson" makes us ready for any emergency. A walk on the pier and a smoke and a chat, with the coastguardman

on the look-out, furnish the complement of our refreshment, and off we go again along the cliff to the northward, now no longer soft clay, but gradually hardening, until at the distance of a mile or so from the town, we arrive at the chalk and limestone precipices that glisten bright in the afternoon sun as far as we can see, ending in the well-known point of Flamborough head. The breeding season for sea-birds is beginning, and every now and then we approach closely the margin and crane over the edge and looking down into the dizzy depths, we can see along the numerous ledges the lines of sea-fowl guarding the treasures of their parti-coloured eggs. We dip down into Dane's Dyke, the ancient line of circumvallation, and so pleasant has been the walk, and so cheery our talk, that we find ourselves in the old world village of Flambro, almost before we seem to have left the outskirts of Burlington behind us. And here we dine and rest, for we know of a worthy yeoman whose baxom "missis" owns a spare chamber or two, and a gaily furnished sitting-room, and so presently we are feasting regally on a turbot and a quarter of early lamb, and although we care not to risk the local wines, have we not unlimited Bass's beer and a pint of Yorkshire stingo to wash down our Gorgon. zola cheese and salad, and after such a walk we fear not nightmares or any other kind of cattle.

The morning sees us early afoot, and after a heavy breakfast, we take a turn round the cliffs and a look at the North landing, where our ancient Danish forefathers were wont to run in their war galleys, and then make for the railway station to catch the train that will take us to Hull, and so on to Withernsea, south of where we started the morning of the previous day. As the heavy train thunders along the iron road, we get a fine view of the sea from the summit of the embankment, and before we reach the town of Driffield we have passed through some of the finest corn-growing land in England, and crossed one of the best trout streams. At the great port of Hull we change trains and run down a short branch line eighteen miles to Withernsea, a newly-invented watering place near Spurn Point, and surprising it is to see the rapid developments that have been effected in this little village, which now boasts its hotels, church, pier, sea-wall, &c. as good as many a town that has been a seaside resort for a century; but then they are a pushing folk these Hull merchants and speculators. As we stand on the pier the sight is very fine. The great North sea rollers follow one another in grand procession, irresistible and massive, curling over in crescents of foam and pounding down on the hard sand with terrific blows. The shores are protected by "groins," or jetties constructed of wooden piles, backed with large stones, which, breaking the force of the water, lessen its destructive effects. They are placed all along the shore at distances of one hundred yards apart, and tend to cause eddies which collect the sand and gravel, and so add strength to the defence. Even with these constructions the sea manages to abstract large quantities of soil annually, and as we look the waves are of a pea-soup colour for some distance from the beach, the result of the stolen earth held in solution.

There is a story about Withernsea which tells us that in far back times the manors of Owthorne and Withernsea belonged to two sisters, who agreed between them to build a church, but managed to squabble on the point of whether said church should have a tower or a steeple. The wily priests suggested as a compromise that each sister should build a church, and accordingly arose "the Sister Churches" at Owthorne and Withernsea, which for a series of years, as beacons, guided mariners on the waves, as well as anxious souls ashore. In time, however, the remorseless ocean advanced, and the Withernsea Church was threatened by the waves, and a new church was built on Priest Hill, the old one gradually disappearing and being engulfed. By and by the sister church followed suit at Owthorne, and in 1786 began to give way, and another new church was built further inland. Early in this century the old edifice fell a prey to the sea, and the last of the "Sister Churches" disappeared.

During the demolition of the churchyards, the unusual spectacle was witnessed of sectional views of the graves of the "forefathers of the hamlet," and on one occasion a sparrow's nest, containing five eggs, was found snugly ensconced in the skull of an old gentleman which protruded from the face of the cliff.

Not far from Withernsea is Haloham, where is situated the mausoleum of the Constable family, whose splendid residence is at Burton Constable, not far distant. The mansion is a very fine specimen of the Elizabethan style, the principal fronts being respectively 131 and 133 feet long. The house was originally built in the reign of Stephen, altered in the reign of Henry VIII., and enlarged in James I., so that you may imagine its antiquarian value. There is a splendid library, containing some very rare works, including many manuscripts. When Her Majesty Queen Victoria visited Hull in 1854 the service of gold plate used on the occasion was borrowed from Burton Constable. There is a beautiful park, containing a lake 16 acres in extent.

Another place of interest is Burstwick, formerly a baronial castle of the Albemarle family, and several times the temporary residence of royalty. Edward I. stayed there in 1302, and Edward II. in 1323. After the defeat of Bruce, by Edward I., the Countess of Carrick, Queen of Robert Bruce, was detained in this castle, and was treated right royally, having a lady and a woman of the bed-chamber allowed her, with two pages, a footboy, a valet and a cook. She was allowed three greyhounds for her recreation in the Warren at Burstwick, "and in the park when she chuseth;" she had all rights of sporting and fishing, and was allowed to reside in the best house in the manor at her pleasure.

Another interesting village is Winestead, chiefly noticeable from having been the birthplace of Andrew Marvell, the poet, in the 17th century, his father having been rector at the time. He was born in 1621. The entry of his birth is still to be seen in the Register. In Winestead church are some fine monuments of the Hildyard family, who were big folk in the locality, in the 14th, 15th, and 16th centuries.

Holderness is closely knit up with the history of Yorkshire and England, from the earliest times. It comprised the whole of the east coast district of Yorkshire, from Flamborough to Spurn Point,

including a chain of lakes or lagoons, and very much land now swallowed up by the greedy sea.

In the earliest days it was a land of forest, alternating with swamp and morasses, its inhabitants being the wild boar, wolf, crane, bittern, bustard and beaver, there being no tradition of any inhabitants until it was colonised by a tribe of Teutons called Parisii, believed to have been Frisians from the opposite coast. These were herdsman, living in wattle huts on the higher ground, and constantly at war with the warlike Celtic Brigantes, who held the wold country on their western boundary. The Romans overran the district, and of course made a good road across it, for road-making was their special forte. The road ran from York (Eboracum) right across the perilous swamps, by way of Beverley, to a place on the coast, probably Spurn point. When the Saxons and Danes came the Spurn was their place of landing, and the Scandinavian freebooters soon took possession of the rich lands of Holderness, where they have left perpetual memories of themselves and their enterprise in the names of many of the villages and towns. In the days of Edward the Confessor the principal landed proprietor was one Ulphus, a Dane, who built a castle at Aldborough, where he resided. He also built a church, a relic of which still exists in the form of a cross, bearing the inscription—"Ulf commanded this church to be erected for the souls of Hanum and Gurthard." It was Ulphus who endowed the cathedral at York with his large estates in the East Riding; who brought his huge ivory drinking horn full of mead before the high altar at York, and drained it, and afterwards presented the beaker to the church as a title-deed to the land, the identical horn being still preserved and exhibited to visitors to York Minster. When William the Norman came, he divided the District as far as he could (barring the possessions of the church, which even old-world robbers ever regarded as sacred, and which it has been reserved for latter-day radicals to covet and desire), amongst his followers, in baronies to hold *in capite* by military service.

Two days spent in visiting spots of interest in this neighbourhood passed most pleasantly, and another day was devoted to Hull, where we found many Masonic friends, and where no less than four Masonic Halls are in existence—the Humber, the Minerva, the Kingston and the De la Pole, having each its own establishment. The two former are old Lodges, and possess many Masonic relics of value. Some of the earliest Lodges on record met at Hull, and the old minute books and rolls of Lodges prove the existence of Lodges there during last century that have now disappeared and died out.

And so ended a bright little holiday—such a spell as a journalist in this country is only too glad to secure, and here I am at work again, but seizing a few minutes to remind you of my existence, and to wish the Keystone all prosperity.

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## EXTRA OFFICERS.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—There are two subjects which are exercising the minds of many Brethren in the Province in which I reside, and I should thank any Freemason who can write with authority on the subject kindly to ventilate these vexations.

1st. Can a Provincial Grand Master, on the advice of his Deputy Provincial Grand Master, increase the number of his Provincial Grand Officers, by nominating duplicate, or assistant Provincial Grand Officers, on his own authority, when the number of Lodges is below a certain number?

2nd. Is the Provincial Grand Treasurer in order in declining to receive the fees of such Assistant Grand Officers, till assured the appointments are sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of England?

Yours fraternally,

P. P.

## TRADING ON MASONRY.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Will you permit me to thank you for your able exposition on a system which has outgrown even the bounds of your own very potent belief, as to the extent in which the emblems of the Masonic Craft are prostituted for the sake of gain? That such a practice cannot be too strongly condemned is patent to all who are in any way conversant with it. The professions of an initiate when he seeks admission to the privileges of the Craft are naturally of a crude, but honest impulse. It cannot be otherwise. He craves to know the sublime mysteries of which he may have gleaned some slight conception from the conversation of friends, or from observation of Masonic practices which are patent to the world. And with a heart void of all selfish desires or mercenary proclivities, he answers frankly the question which is put to every man who treads the chequered floor, and which is his innocent—and perforce his naturally honest avowal of the motives which prompt him to seek a participation in the mysteries and privileges of the Craft. But how often, when the freshness and "novelty" of the thing has subsided, brethren ignore the pure impulses which stir them in the beginning, and see their way to "make something" out of the profession to which they

have loyally subscribed their names? I think probably you administered a rather severe rebuke to those brethren who, perhaps, with good intentions decorate their premises with emblems of the Masonic Craft; but from conversations I have overheard respecting the practice, I am inclined to think it may have a salutary effect. For my own part no such cabalistic display outside an hotel would induce me to patronise it; on the contrary, I should be disposed rather to go farther afield. Neither should I be disposed to seek the aid of a tradesman of any description merely from the fact that he was so "decorated" with the signs. Still they must not all be classed in the same category. What think you of a brother, who is an undertaker, looking up the obituary notices of the daily newspapers, and sending "emblematic" solicitations for funeral orders? I was recently shocked by the intimation of such a case, and my disgust was only appeased by the information that the delinquent was not a Mason. However, there is too much of this trading by "puff," and whether it be by Mason, Forester, Oddfellow, or whatever name it is perpetrated under, the system is a nefarious one, and the Craft will thank you for so promptly and unmistakably calling attention to it, with a view to its suppression.

I am, Sir and Brother,

Yours very fraternally,

YORKSHIREMAN.

Hull, 7th June 1882.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read with interest, not unmixed with a certain degree of pain, your article under the above heading in the last issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. As a matter of fairness and justice to the Craft, I think you will be free to admit that the imputation of "unworthy" and "despicable" motives is going somewhat beyond the bounds of charity, construing the term in its literal meaning. It is scarcely to be concluded that, because a man exhibits on his trade circular the emblems of Freemasonry to brethren he is actuated by "mercenary" aims, or that he uses the symbols as a "catch penny" mode of "promoting his own aggrandisement." Experience has taught me that your remark as to the signs being freely used by members of other Orders is quite correct: but I fail to see the wickedness of a member of our own Institution wearing his heart upon his sleeve, so to speak, and shewing to the world that he is a Mason. Very possibly your indignation might have been aroused by some flagrant case, such as the one you mention in which "advertising spiders so adroitly invited the Masonic flies to walk into their parlours," but I am convinced that anything so abject would be scouted by sensible brethren and treated with the disdain it deserves. I am neither a publican nor a chemist; nor do I display any of the sacred emblems of my Masonic profession; but let me say at once, and for all, I do not see any greater sin in a tradesman betokening to his fellows (and to the outer world, if that is all) that he is a Mason, for whatever might be said by a few of the ignorant and uninitiated, I cling to the proud belief that the popular idea of a Mason is that he is at least an honest man, and that so far from his being an advertising quack, he is actuated by a profound desire to make himself "more extensively useful to his fellow creatures." I feel assured that in delivering myself of these sentiments you will in common fairness exculpate many of those who adopt the means of communicating to others of the Craft, of which they are trusted and honoured members, and not impute to them altogether unworthy and mercenary motives.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

A YOUNG MASON.

Peckham, 6th June 1882.

## GRAND LODGE FUNDS.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Is it not a somewhat curious way of phrasing it, for the Committee appointed in March to report upon the financial position of the Board of General Purposes, apropos of Bro. Raynham Stewart's motion for doubling the grant to the Benevolent Institution, to announce "as the result of their investigations, that at the present time Grand Lodge is in receipt of an average nett income of £4,000 per annum, which is however liable to considerable fluctuations in proportion to the number of admissions of members into the Order and various other causes." As a matter of fact, this £4,000 is the balance which remains after every description of expenditure has been provided for, so, that even after the additional outlay necessitated by this grant of £300, Grand Lodge may reckon on having an average yearly balance of over £3,000, a sum which may be safely set down as sufficient to meet all probable contingencies.

I write thus in no captious spirit, but because I think it is just as well to speak of a spade as a spade, and though because a "nett income" and "balance" are interchangeable terms, the word "nett" with most people is likely to escape attention, and it will be thought that the "income" of Grand Lodge is £4,000, whereas it is fully £10,000 a year, as shown in the tables you published a little while ago.

I remain, faithfully and fraternally yours,

R. N.

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## ROYAL ARCH.

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THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania having granted a warrant for a new Chapter, to be held at Troy, Bradford County, Pa., Most Excellent Grand High Priest Comp. Hibbert P. John, with the entire corps of Grand Officers, left Philadelphia on the evening of Thursday, 11th May, for the purpose of constituting it. The Grand Officers reached Troy at eleven o'clock on Friday morning, where they were met by the Companions of the new Chapter, who welcomed and escorted them to the Troy House, where accommodation had been provided for them. Here they were joined by D.D. H. P. Comp. James H. Coddington, of Towanda, with P. H. P. Comp. H. B. McKean, and a number of the Companions from Towanda. At two o'clock the Grand Chapter was opened in the commodious hall used for Masonic purposes by M.E. G. H. P. Comp. Hibbert P. John, Comps. Augustus R. Hall Grand King, George W. Kendrick jun. Grand Scribe, Thomas R. Patton Grand Treasurer, Charles E. Mayer Grand Secretary, Rev. A. V. C. Schenck, D.D., Grand Chaplain, Arthur Thacher Grand Captain of the Host, John Keller jun. Grand P. Sojourner, James S. Barber Grand R.A. Captain, Charles W. Nolen M. of 3rd Vail, William A. Sinn M. of 2nd Vail, Samuel W. Broadbent M. of 1st Vail, Charles E. Pike J.G.M. of Ceremonies, P.H.P. J. Alexander Simpson S.G.M. of Ceremonies, Harrison G. Clark Grand Tyler, and E. Masson Grand Marshal. The new Chapter was then constituted, with the impressive ceremonies characteristic of Capitular Masonry, and the following Companions were installed as Officers:—Comps. Robert C. Kendall H.P., Bernard L. Wright King, Hon. Delos Rockwell Scribe, Frank Green Treasurer, Austin Leonard Secretary, when the Grand Marshal proclaimed the new Chapter—Troy R.A. Chapter, No. 261, regularly constituted, and its Officers duly installed. After an address by M.E. Grand High Priest Comp. John to the Officers and Companions of the Chapter regarding their new duties and responsibilities, the Grand Chapter was closed and Troy Chapter opened, and the remaining time, up to ten p.m., when the Grand Officers were compelled to leave for Philadelphia, was occupied in conferring the degrees of M.M.M., M.E.M., and R.A., the first by the Grand Scribe, the second by the Grand King, and the third by the M.E. Grand High Priest, to which all the Companions present paid marked attention. Before closing, the Grand Officers expressed their satisfaction at the reception, and the attention that had been paid, and their belief in the wisdom of the Grand Chapter in granting this warrant—bidding them Godspeed in their laudable undertaking. The M.E.H.P. of the new Chapter Comp. Robert C. Kendall responded for his Companions. D.D.H.P. Comp. Coddington, in his official capacity, endorsed the action of the Grand Chapter, to which he had given his consent and encouragement, the majority of the members of the new Chapter having received all their Light in Capitular Masonry in the Chapter of which he is a member. P.H.P. Comp. McKean assured the Grand Officers, from his personal knowledge of the members of the new Chapter, that they would have no cause to regret the act they had that day performed. All were highly satisfied with the proceedings, and the Grand Officers bid the Companions of Troy farewell, feeling assured that their somewhat arduous trip would result in the advancement of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction. The hall for Masonic purposes in which the new Chapter will meet, and which is used by the Blue Lodge, is well adapted for its purposes. The new Chapter has all the paraphernalia necessary, and the members have shown much interest in this new branch of the Masonic family. The town of Troy is one of the oldest in our State, and we find many records of early Masonic proceedings, among which, in the Troy House, is an old tavern sign, with a card upon it, stating that this sign was raised at Long's Mills, by the Masons in fall regalia in 1812. Upon the sign is a painting of the Square and Compasses. Long's Mills are about one mile from Troy, and the original seat of the town, and at this tavern a Masonic Lodge, called Mount Moriah, No. 150, met in those days. Many records of the expenses of this Lodge are still kept in the Lodge room at Troy, with other remembrances of the Craft of long ago. The town of Troy is on the Northern Central Railroad, and is reached after a journey through a most picturesque country, almost equal to the romantic scenery of the Lehigh Valley. From the character of the town and its inhabitants, and the interest displayed in Masonry, we prophesy for the new Chapter a bright future.—Keystone.

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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 58 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 his leaving the Office of the Institution in consequence of ill-health, to assist in defraying the expenses of his journey to Australia."

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AVENUE.—At 7.30, SIMPSON AND DELILAH. At 8.15, MANTEAUX NOIRS.

GAETY.—FRENCH PLAYS. At 8.30, ADRIENNE LECOUVREUR.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.45, ONE TOUCH OF NATURE. At 9, WRECK OF THE PINAFORE.

TOOLE'S.—At 7.30, AFTER DARKNESS—DAWN. At 8.15, AUNTIE. THE VILLAINOUS SQUIRE AND THE VILLAGE ROSE.

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GLOBE.—At 8, FIRST IN THE FIELD. At 8.45, FAR FROM THE MAD-DING CROWD.

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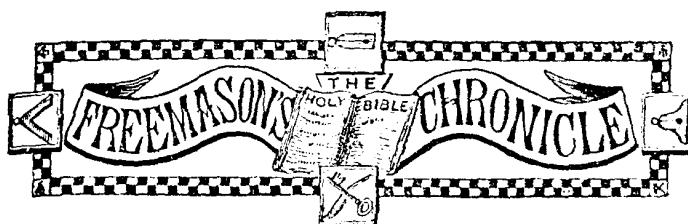
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THE Summer Half Yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, on Tuesday, 6th inst. The attendance was not so numerous on this as on former occasions, but nevertheless a large number of the past and present Grand Officers were in their places. Grand Lodge was opened at five p.m. by the M.W.G.M. the Right Hon. Bro. Lord Henniker, who was supported by R.W. Bros. Rev. C. R. Davey P.P.G.M. Gloucestershire as Deputy G.M., Gen. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.W. as G.S.W., V.W. W. T. Orde Powlett G.J.W., J. E. Le Feuvre G.M.O., Thomas Cubitt as G.S.O., H. R. Cooper Smith G.J.O., Rev. H. D. Morse Grand Chaplain, Fredk. Davison G. Treasurer, H. C. Levander G. Reg., Fredk. Binckes G. Secretary, D. M. Dewar Assist. G. Secretary; W. Bros. C. S. Lane G.S.D., S. S. Partridge G.J.D., H. Lovegrove G. Insp. Works, R. Berridge G.D. of C., J. A. Hacker G. Assist. D. of C., T. C. Walls G. Sword Bearer, S. J. Turquand G. Standard Bearer, Wilhelm Ganz G. Org., James Stevens P.G.J.O. as G.I.G., G. Gilbert and G. S. Rooks Grand Stewards, C. T. Speight Tyler. There were also present Past Grand Masters the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick and M.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.; also R.W. Bros. R. C. Else P.G.M. Somerset, Pryce Pryce P.G.M. South Wales, W. K. R. Bedford P.G.M. Warwick and Stafford, Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.M. Bucks, J. G. Strachan D.P.G.M. Norths, and W. Hickman D.P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight. Amongst the Past Grand Officers were W. Bros. Alfred Williams P.G.S.D., John Barker P.G. Steward, S. Rosenthal P.G. Standard Bearer, R. Loveland Loveland P.G. Steward, Thos. White P.G.J.D., P. J. Collin P.G. Steward, H. Massey P.G. Steward, F. F. Ravenshaw P.G. Chaplain, Edward Margrett P.G.O., F. W. Ramsay, M.D., P.G.S.D., R. F. Spice P.G.O., P. H. Pearson P.G. Steward, R. Eve P.G.M.O., C. Pullman P.G. Steward, Baron D. Ferrieres P.M.O., W. E. Gumbleton P.G.W.

The Provincial Grand Officers were represented by the Worshipful Bros. Thomas Hawkins P.P.G.S.W. Warwick, G. S. Gordon P.P.G.S.O. Kent, Geo. J. Tilling P.G. Sec. Hants and Isle of Wight. Edwin Gilbert P.G.S. Middlesex and Surrey, C. G. L. Kipling P.G.S. Middlesex and Surrey, H. W. Homann P.G.I.G. Berks and Oxon, H. George P.G.J.O. Lincolnshire, W. Watson P.P.S.D. Kent, H. Baldwin P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex and Surrey, J. Tomkins P.P.G. Supt. Works Berks and Oxon, C. Harding P.P.G.S.W. Middlesex and Surrey, C. Duke Prov. G.D.C. Surrey, G. Carter Prov. Grand Sword Bearer Norths and Hants, G. L. Woodley P.P.S.W. North Wales, and Rev. W. Randall P.G.C. Staffordshire.

Amongst the brethren of private Lodges present were Bros. G. J. Dunkley 234, J. H. Wynn Old Kent, M. Mildred and J. Mainwaring 104, Penrose Dunbar High Cross 284, T. Baillie, R. P. Bent Bon Accord, G. Risch 44, J. Hunt and H. J. Garnett 53, G. Powell 1, G. P. Festa 8, W. H. Bale 104, J. B. Foord 166, R. J. Reed 166, C. F. Hogard and E. Bowyer 144, H. H. S. Burney 197, J. Moon Old Kent, H. A. Dabois 1, &c. &c.

The Grand Lodge having been opened, the Grand Master was saluted according to ancient custom. The minutes of the Half-yearly Communication of the 6th December last, and of the Special Grand Lodge of the 21st March were read and confirmed. The Grand Master read a letter addressed to him by the Home Secretary, acknowledging, on behalf of the Queen, the Loyal Address of the Grand Lodge which was voted at the latter meeting, and thanking Grand Lodge for its congratulations on Her Majesty's escape from assassination; and also a letter from the Duke of Albany Past Grand Master thanking Grand Lodge for its congratulatory vote on the occasion of his marriage. The report of the General Board, which appeared to be of a most satisfactory character, was presented and received. From its contents we note the marked increase of the number of Lodges and of Certificates, which testify to the general good progress of the Order, not only throughout the United Kingdom, but in our most prominent Colonies. It also afforded proof of the growth of the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners, which is associated with the Mark Degree. The Grand Treasurer's accounts were of a favourable nature, and showed good balances in respect of the several funds. Two benevolent grants were made to individuals (widows of deceased brethren), and a donation of twenty guineas was made to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution from the General Fund. The Educational Fund, at present providing for the education of six boys, is also making good progress. With the exception of a recommendation, the consideration of which was deferred, the Report was adopted.

The M.W. Brother W. W. B. Beach P.G.M. then addressed Grand Lodge, eulogising the services of the M.W.G.M. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, and the manner in which the duties of the office of Grand Master had been performed during the past year. He also expressed his personal gratification that His Lordship had been re-elected, and the pleasure with which he now announced his installation. The Grand Master having been saluted in due form, expressed his deep sense of the honour which Grand Lodge had again conferred upon him, and pledged himself to a continued strict attention to the interests of the Order.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested as Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. the Earl of Kintore	... Deputy Grand Master
Lord Roberts	... Senior Warden
Wm. Hickman	... Junior Warden
J. Brock Smith	... Master Overseer
O. H. Pearson	... Senior Overseer
Thomas Howkins	... Junior Overseer
Rev. R. P. Bent	... Chaplain
Rev. Wm. Randall	... Chaplain
Frederic Davison	... Treasurer
H. C. Levander	... Registrar
Frederick Binckes	... Secretary
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George Toller jun.	... Senior Deacon
Edmund Margrett	... Senior Deacon
P de E. Collin	... Junior Deacon
H. J. Garnett	... Junior Deacon
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The following brethren were nominated by the Grand Master to serve on the General Board, viz., Bros. the Rev. Canon Portal P.G.M., C. F. Matier, S. C. Dibdin, Robert Berridge, Thomas Cubitt, Alfred Williams, and William Roebuck.

The Grand Lodge elected Bros. Herbert Dicketts, E. C. Mather, R. J. Mare, O. H. Pearsou, and R. P. Spice to complete the number required by the general laws of the Order.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form, with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, at which the M.W.G.M. presided. In the course of the evening the following toasts were duly honoured, viz., The Queen and Mark Masonry, the M.W. Grand Master, the M.W. Past Grand Masters, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master and Grand Officers Present and Past, Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the Visitors. These were ably and respectively introduced by the M.W.G.M., R.W. Bro. the Rev. W. Bedford, the Rev. C. R. Davey, the M.W.P.G.M. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, and the V.W. Bro. W. Randall, and were responded to in an equally effective manner. Bro. Binckes, in responding to the toast of the Mark Benevolent Fund, observed that as it devolved upon him quite two hundred times in the course of every year to return thanks in connection with Masonic Charity, he must confess he felt at great loss to advance any thing that was of a novel character. On this occasion, however, he had the satisfaction of recognising the considerable progress which had been made in the Benevolent Fund especially connected with the Mark Degree, and he trusted that the same earnest endeavours which had been so kindly rendered in the past would be repeated in the future. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz Grand Organist, who was assisted by Bros. Sidney Tower, George Collins, James Kift, Egbert Roberts, and Mr. Poznanski, a very talented violinist. The programme was admirably selected, and it would be invidious to remark on the especial performances of any one artist, seeing how well they all acquitted themselves.

The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire and Buckinghamshire, by command of the Provincial Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., will hold their annual meeting at the Foresters' Hall, West Street, Reading, on Monday, the 19th of June inst., when the general business of the Province will be transacted. By arrangement with the Great Western Railway Company, return tickets at single fares will be issued, on production of the summons, at the Booking Offices of the following Stations:—London, Windsor, Oxford, Newbury, Abingdon, Swindon, Faringdon, Aylesbury, Wycombe, Marlow Road, and Maidenhead; and at all Stations on the London, Wokingham, and Reading Railway, between Waterloo Bridge and Reading.

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## G. LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IT appears from a copy of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, which has come to hand, and for which we beg to express our thanks, that a Special Communication was held at Amherst, Mass., on the 14th January 1882, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Hall of Pacific Lodge and installing its Officers. The ceremonies were performed by Grand Master S. C. Lawrence, who was supported by Bros. Edwin Wright Deputy Grand Master, Wyzeman Marshall as Senior Grand Warden, Charles C. Spellman Junior Grand Warden, William Parkman as Recording Grand Secretary, Rev. Fielder Israel Grand Chaplain, William H. Chessman as Grand Marshal, Chas. H. McClellan D.D.G. Master Dist. No. 8, Henry J. Parker Grand Tyler, John W. Felton Master Bethel Lodge, Geo. A. Paull J.W. Bay State Lodge, the brethren of Pacific and neighbouring Lodges being present in strong force and accompanied by their ladies and other officials. Bro. Merrick N. Spear is the new W.M. of the Lodge, and was inducted into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Lawrence, while the Wardens were installed by the Grand Wardens, and the other Officers by the D.G. Master. Bro. C. McClellan was subsequently installed District Deputy Grand Master of the 8th District, having been unavoidably absent from the Annual Communication on the 27th December last. It will be seen from this slight summary that Massachusetts Masonry differs from pure and ancient Masonry as it is known in England, in this respect at least, that the ladies and other friends of brethren are received in a Lodge, and we infer, are permitted to witness, and for aught we know to the contrary, take part in such important ceremonies as those of dedicating a Hall to Masonic purposes and installing and investing the principal and subordinate Officers of a Lodge. Perhaps the time is not far distant in Massachusetts when we may look to have women as well as men Masons, or what, in the absence of a suitable word, we must describe as such. In any case it must be clear to our readers that Masonry, as practised in Massachusetts, is something else than the Masonry of England and its founders in that country.

The Quarterly Communication was held in the Masonic Hall, Boston, on the 8th March. Present—Bros. Samuel Crocker Lawrence Grand Master, Edwin Wright Deputy Grand Master, William Babson Senior Grand Warden, Charles C. Spellman Junior Grand Warden, Samuel Wells Grand Treasurer, Sereno D. Nickerson Recording Grand Secretary, Theodore C. Bates Corresponding Grand Secretary. The principal part of the business was an address from the Grand Master, in which he cautioned brethren against hawking and peddling spurious degrees and rites, and especially one known as the Egyptian Rite, or Rite of Memphis, and he proposed a certain amendment to the Constitutions, which should render such practices illegal. The essence of this addition will be found in the following paragraph, which, with what precedes it, has been referred to a Special Committee, who were to report upon it this month:—"Sect. 25. Any Mason in this jurisdiction who shall hawk and sell any of the degrees, so called, herein before forbidden, calling them degrees in Masonry, may be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry." The rest of the proceedings are merely of local interest.

## SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

I WAS lately examining the recent publications in a bookseller's stall and discovered Sir Christopher Wren: His family and times, with original letters, and a discourse on architecture hitherto unpublished, by May Phillipps, the preface of which is dated 1st August 1881. The authoress states she enjoyed the good fortune of compiling her work from an old heirloom copy of that scarce and little known book, the *Parentalia*, which contained many prints and engravings, clippings, MS. letters, rough draughts of treatises, Garter records and other valuable papers, some of them in the chirography of Sir Christopher himself. Some of the omissions and digressions of the *Parentalia* she asserts she has been enabled to supply and rectify by the aid of Notes and Queries and Evelyn's Diary, and she expresses the hope that her labours "may serve as a contribution towards that full and worthy biography of the great architect, which may yet, she trusts, be written before London is finally robed of the churches with which Wren's genius endowed her."

With visions of much new and valuable information about the last Operative Grand Master I bought the book, and although the subject

has been very thoroughly written I venture some extracts from this latest biography, in which the authoress has sought, and with but little success, to establish his Masonic character. She devotes about one-fifth of her Preface to this subject, as follows:—

"Little is known of Wren in his Masonic capacity. He is said to have been a member and a Master of the Old Lodge of St. Paul now known as the *Lodge of Antiquity*. All the records of the Lodge belonging to that time have, unfortunately, been lost, so that they cannot be consulted with reference to this matter. The question has been raised whether Wren was a Freemason or not. On this point the *Parentalia* makes no explicit statement, though it appears to imply Wren's connection with the Order. The Duke of Sussex caused a plate to be engraved in 1827, and affixed to the mallet which Sir Christopher was said to have presented to the Lodge."

This inscription she has mutilated, and adds that "the Lodge possesses also three gilt wooden candlesticks in the form of columns, inscribed *Ex dono Chr Wren Eq A.L. 5680.*" In Chapter vi, 1664-1667, she says: "He had long been a member of the Order of Freemasons, and had distinguished himself by the attention he gave to the Lodges under his care. At the time of his journey to France\* he was Deputy Grand Master under Earl Rivers. No doubt he availed himself to the full of the opportunities which Freemasonry afforded him for observing the details of the work, and becoming acquainted with the workmen, the architects and the sculptors, whom Louis XIV. had brought in great numbers to Paris." In chapter viii. she says: "On June 21st 1675, the first stone of St. Paul's was laid by Sir Christopher and his Master Mason, not by King Charles, as is sometimes said," and in a foot note adds that the mallet and trowel used on the occasion were presented by him to the Freemasons' Lodge, of which he was Master. In chapter xii., 1697-99, it is stated that "he was again chosen Grand Master of the Freemasons, and continued in that office until 1702."

These are the only direct allusions to his Masonic career in the book, and are so unsatisfactory that all my pleasant anticipations vanished. She does not appear to have used the same discernment in gathering Masonic facts as in her other efforts. With respect to the candlesticks she says there are three gilt ones, while Masonic authorities mention two carved in mahogany. Her assertion of his membership in the Masonic Society in 1665 appears to have been taken from Anderson's "New Book of Constitutions," Part 3, Chapter 2 viz., "The fire having ruined St. Paul's Cathedral, the King, with Grand Master Rivers, his Architects and Craftsmen, nobility and gentry, Lord Mayor and Aldermen, Bishops and Clergy, &c., and due form leveled the footstone of New St. Paul's, designed by Deputy Grand Master Wren, A.D. 1673." If she did not get her information from this source, it would be of much Masonic value to learn where she did. The only intimation we have when Wren was initiated is the statement of Aubrey, the antiquary, that it was to take place, Monday, 18th May 1691, twenty-eight years after the biographer states he was Deputy Grand Master. The *unimpeachable record* states the foundation-stone was laid 21st June 1675. If Wren had been a Freemason would he not have deferred the event three days and celebrated it on St. John the Baptist's Day, at that time a festival day by the Craft? It also appears that the ceremony was of the most simple character, neither king, prelate, nor municipal officer was present, and the act was simply an Operative Mason's act, Bro. Anderson to the contrary notwithstanding. Again, the inscription on the mallet avers that the stone was planted in 1673, doubtless taken from Anderson, for he simply mentions the year and so does the inscription, and if Wren had been a prominent Freemason at that date it is not reasonable to suppose that more than fifty years could have elapsed before so valuable a relic would have been suitably and accurately inscribed.

Aside from her Masonic inaccuracies her book appears to be accurate and very readable.

When the rebuilding of St. Paul's had been determined upon it was directed that the old materials should be sold and the proceeds applied in the construction of the new, and although much of it had been disposed of in this manner, the ground was by no means clear. The walls, which were eighty feet high and five feet thick, had been warped and cracked by the fire, but were yet strong enough to make the labour of tearing them down difficult and tedious. Wren was a member of the Royal Society, and concluded to avail himself of the Society's recent experiments in raising weights by means of gunpowder, to remove the walls. The progress of the great fire had been stayed by blowing up houses, but to employ gunpowder to raise a definite weight and throw it a fixed distance was a novel use. When the old central tower was reached, the labourers were afraid to work at the height of two hundred feet, and Wren thought the time had arrived for his experiment. By careful computation he found that eighteen pounds of the explosive would blow up the northwest angle of the tower, and so precise were his calculations that although over three thousand tons weight were raised the stones and debris were not scattered and no damage was done. This success encouraged Wren to prepare another mine, but he was unfortunately compelled to leave the firing of it in charge of his next officer, who wishing to improve upon his Master, increased the charge, which caused an explosion that shot stones far and wide, terrifying the whole city, and resulting in having the further use of powder forbidden.

As the work proceeded, and the choir rose, the time came when the great dome was to be marked out. Sir Christopher called to a workman to bring him a stone to mark a special spot, and when the man obeyed Wren saw that the stone he had brought bore the inscription, the single word, "Resurgam," supposed to have been a portion of the gravestone of the Bishop of London 1611-21. Sir Christopher regarded the incident as a singularly happy one, and evinced great pleasure in relating it to his friends.

Many from the country were attracted by the fame of the cathedral and sought employment upon the building. Among

\* Midsummer of 1665.

these was a young Suffolk wood-carver, named Philip Wood who came to London to earn a fortune to enable him to marry a retired merchant's daughter, whom he loved in spite of her money. Having exhausted his funds in soliciting employment, he bethought himself that the cathedral might employ him, but the foreman frequently repulsed him with the statement that they wanted no carpenters there. At last, Sir Christopher noticed him, and enquired his wants, and said, "Friend, you want carving work, what have you been used to carve?" The poor fellow lost his wits in the presence of the great architect, and replied, "Please your worship, I have been used to carve troughs." Sir Christopher exclaimed, "Troughs! then carve me, as a specimen of your skill, a sow and pigs, it will be something in your line, and bring it to me this day week; I will be here." The loud laughter of the workmen and his own folly distracted the poor carver, and but for the kind advice of his landlady, he would have despaired, but she advised him to take Sir Christopher at his word, and carve the best sow and pigs he could. He spent his last money for the wood, and at the appointed time carried his work to Sir Christopher in his apron. Wren looked at it in silence, and engaged the young man, and then with his gentle courtesy said: "Young man, I fear I did you some injustice, but a great national work is entrusted to me, and it is my solemn duty to mind that no part of the work falls into inefficient hands." Wood was employed for seven years, and was well compensated.

Wren appears to have been able to practise deception when no harm was done. He had erected a town hall upon arches, with a wide vaulted space below; when finished it was inspected by the corporate officers, but one member decided in alarm that the room above the vaulted space was inadequately supported and would one day topple and fall. Wren, who knew to a nicety the weight each arch would support, vainly endeavoured to assure him of the perfect security of the building, and to pacify the anxious man promised to put two columns below, but when they were erected about half an inch space existed between them and the ceiling they were supposed to support.

In personal appearance he appears to have been thin and low of stature, and it is recorded that when he was erecting a hunting palace for Charles II. the King came to inspect it; he expressed satisfaction at the general effect, but thought the rooms too low. Wren looked at the ceiling and quietly replied: "Sire, I think they are high enough." At this the King stooped until he was of the architect's height, and creeping about the room in this attitude laughingly answered, "Aye, Sir Christopher, I think they are high enough."

In character he is described as "loving, gentle, modest, and courteous; he had been as a boy, and the famous, successful architect possessed those qualities still. In a corrupt age, all testimony leaves him spotless; in positions of great trust and still greater difficulty his integrity was but the more closely shown by the attacks made against him; among the foremost philosophers of his age, he was a striking example that 'every good gift and every perfect gift is from above'; no child could hold the truths of Christianity with a more undoubting faith than did Sir Christopher Wren."

## ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE.

**Rose of Sharon Rose Croix Chapter, No. 6.**—A meeting of this Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, on Thursday, the 8th inst. This was the Installation meeting, and R. Ill. Bro. Henry Meyer 33 M.W. installed his successor, R. Ill. Bro. J. H. Southwood 33. The following Officers were invested:—Illustrious Bros. A. Mulford 30 S.K.W., E. Harrison 31 J.K.W., B. Meyer 31 K. Orator, Henry Meyer 33 Kt. Treasurer, R. Ill. Bro. James Hill 33 Secretary and Archivist, Ill. Bro. T. Sims 30 Kt. Conductor, Ill. Bro. Louis Honig Organist. Amongst others present were Sir Knights C. Bassett and C. Mussared; Visitors—Bros. G. B. Chapman, John Green, H. A. Rattray, S. Jenkins, H. Banan, and W. W. Morgan. After the business of the Chapter had been completed, the Sir Knights and their guests partook of a banquet, which was supplied by Bro. Alfred Best. The Loyal toasts were duly honoured. In proposing the health of the Ill. Grand Master of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, the M.W. referred to the estimation in which Brother John Yarker is held throughout the world as an exponent of Masonic lore. He called upon those members present to drink to the better health, and long life, of their Ill. Grand Master. Bro. Hill in responding stated that the amount of mental labour in which Bro. Yarker so persistently indulged undoubtedly overtaxed his strength, and encroached heavily upon his domestic comforts. With him the midnight oil was unspareingly burnt in the prosecution of studies for unearthing the records of Freemasonry. The value of his onerous labours could only be estimated at their true worth by the initiated. His business relations with the Executive of the Order—which was widely distributed throughout England, Ireland and Scotland—took up much precious time. However, the Chapters of the Order were increasing, and the Masonic public was extending to the Rite a fair amount of consideration. In conclusion, Bro. Hill thanked the Sir Knights for the reception they had given the toast. The Visitors were next complimented, and each replied, expressing approbation of the hospitality shown, and satisfaction with what they had seen during the evening. The health of the M.W. was given by Ill. Bro. H. Meyer, who complimented Bro. Southwood, not only upon the zeal he displayed in advancing the Rite they were celebrating that evening, but in both Craft and Royal Arch Masonry. After a solo on the Euphonium, by Bro. Rattray, who displayed a perfect mastery over the instrument, Bro. Southwood said he was gratified at the way in which his health had been proposed and

accepted. His past services in Craft and Royal Arch might be taken as an earnest that he would not fail to do all he could for the Ancient and Primitive Rite. The obligation he had taken should be conscientiously observed. If his ability should fail, it would be owing to the mistake the Sir Knights had made in electing him. He trusted, however, he should be able to give a fair account of his doings during his year of office, and the Rite would be even more flourishing when he laid aside the insignia of his office than it had grown to be up to the present time, both in London and the Provinces. After some further remarks, he proposed the toast of the Past M.W. Sovereigns Sir Knights James Hill 33, and James Meyer, of whose services to the Order he spoke in highly eulogistic terms, and who, in reply, thanked the M.W.S. and members for the compliment they had paid them. The rest of the toasts were disposed of, and the evening came to an end. Sympathetic reference was made to the death of General Garibaldi, a Past Grand Master of Italy.

## Obituary.

It is with very great regret we announce the death, on Saturday, of Mrs. Barnes, wife of our highly-respected Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, who takes such interest in all that concerns the Craft, and whose attendance at our Lodges of Instruction is so constant. The loss of so near and dear a companion is irreparable, and we can only express our sincere sympathy with Bro. Barnes in his bereavement, and a hope that, in time, the grief, which is natural, will be alleviated.

A similar task devolves upon us in the case of Brother the Rev. C. J. Martyn, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain and Deputy Prov. Grand Master and Prov. G. Superintendent Suffolk, who has also to regret the recent death of his wife. Our Rev. Brother is so highly respected by the whole Masonic community, that we feel sure we are not taking upon ourselves too much in offering to him, on its behalf, as well as on our own, the sincere expression of our sympathy in his present bereavement.

The summer entertainment to the residents of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon, has been fixed for Wednesday, the 21st inst. The evening's entertainment will be given by Lieut. Cole, the ventriloquist. The South Eastern Railway Company will make the usual provision for the conveyance of brethren who have been invited to attend.

At the last meeting of the General Committee of the Girls' School, some new candidates for the Committees were withdrawn. The old members of the Committees therefore retain their place. Whether this will tend to the interest of the institution remains to be seen; but it is hardly possible that an unaltered House Committee will be allowed to be reappointed year after year. There are now on that committee brethren who have been members of it for many years, and it seems but fair that those who have been on it the longest should retire, and make room for new members. The argument against a change is that the men thoroughly know their work, and that to replace them by men who know nothing of the work would disorganise the whole conduct of business. The argument wants solidity. If three of the oldest members retire each year, the remaining nine must know the work and be able to instruct the youngest, or they cannot be fit for their posts; and by the time the whole twelve are replaced, each of the other divisions of three will have had the experience of three years, two years, and one year respectively. Besides which any man of ordinary intelligence could acquire a knowledge of the whole of the work in a day or two, and could practically apply it in another day. It is to be hoped that the supporters of the Institution will look into, and not admit that there are mysteries about the management of an Institution which can only be mastered by a long apprenticeship, and are not to be communicated beyond the present skilled workmen.—*Evening News.*

Bro. Arthur B. Hudson, of the Aldersgate Lodge, is one of the three candidates for the appointment of surveyor to the Court of Lieutenant, chosen by the committee to be submitted to the Court for final selection. Bro. Hudson is a citizen of the City of London, and a liveryman of the Sadlers' Company.

**WANTED**, by a reduced Tradesman and Brother, a Situation as Store or Time Keeper, or in any other capacity. Gavel, 10 Betterton-street, Long Acre.

## 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, 10th JUNE.

- 176—Caveae, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
1278—Burke's, Lamb Tavern, opposite Benthall G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)  
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 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

## MONDAY, 12th 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)  
1225—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)  
1499—Marquess of Ripon, Penbury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)  
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1571—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey  
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)  
1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)  
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-rd. (Inst.)  
1693—King'sland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

- 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath  
1811—St. Ambrose Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)  
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
K.T.—Studholme, Masonic Hall, Golden-square

40—Dorset, Castle Hotel, Hastings

75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth

104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport

151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.

240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields

292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield

297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln

481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

599—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth

665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyne Regis

724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)

797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)

893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall

949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham

1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness

1174—Penzance, Sun Hotel, Chatham

1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

1350—Fernor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

1386—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

1149—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury

1741—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds

1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York

1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea

M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham

K.T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

## TUESDAY, 13th JUNE.

- 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)  
551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.  
940—Dallensive, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 310 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)  
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
1146—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
1471—Istlington, 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 Myddleton, Crown and Cushion, 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.)  
1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30  
R.C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich

131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro

184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent

241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Bridge, Boston.

406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne (Instr.)

473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham

495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield

503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone

603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton

626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham

690—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury

726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford

829—Sydney, Black Horse, Silvertown

901—Gospore, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gospore

1250—Gilbert Greenhal, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington

1325—Stanley, 214 Great George-st., Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)

1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sefton-st., S.

1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex

1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Poole-doe

1545—Bailldon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Bailldon

1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.

R.A. 285—Juden, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley

R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland

M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## WEDNESDAY, 14th JUNE.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3  
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich

- 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
228—United Strength, Prince Al red, 13 Crowndale-rd., Cumber-town, 8 (In.)  
534—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St., at 8 (Inst.)  
720—Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7 (Instruction)  
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.  
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1285—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
1145—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)  
1175—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)  
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood  
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea  
1791—Createon, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter, Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
M.M. 731—Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)  
R.C.—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale  
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
191—St. John, Kuowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire  
204—Aledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich  
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
392—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)  
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick  
668—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor  
758—Elesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead  
951—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.  
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.  
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.  
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
1060—Marion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.  
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading  
1209—Lewisises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.  
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.  
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)  
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.  
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool  
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness  
1421—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.  
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.  
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
1582—Llanidloes, Trewhethen Arms, Llanidloes  
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.  
R.A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.  
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.  
R.A. 1885—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts  
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
M.M. 171—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.  
M.M. 102—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

## THURSDAY, 15th JUNE.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
57—Virtuous, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst.)  
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)  
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
1614—Covent Garden, 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's 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.)  
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)  
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel  
93—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem  
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth  
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne  
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Room, Starkie-street, Preston  
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn  
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge  
523—John of Gaunt, Free Masons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester  
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford  
1012—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool  
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath  
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town  
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon  
1586—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.  
K.T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle.

## FRIDAY, 16th JUNE.

- Elevation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)  
114—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
166—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)  
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Instruction)  
831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1059—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
115—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
122—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
133—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)  
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
217—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton  
173—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
146—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket  
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
933—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme  
166—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds

1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30  
 R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford.  
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield  
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

## SATURDAY, 17th JUNE.

198—Perry, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1278—Burke's Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)  
 1624—Ecclesbourne, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1841—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 Small Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.  
 1397—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.**—On Wednesday, 7th June, at the Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge. Bros. Brooks W.M. (in the absence of Bro. Nicholson, through indisposition), Cotton S.W., Walters J.W., Taplin S.D., Andrews P.M. J.D., Phillips I.G. After the usual preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Taplin candidate. Bro. Andrews P.M. was interrogated and entrusted, and after Lodge had been advanced, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Andrews P.M. candidate. Bro. Cotton S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was closed, and adjourned until Wednesday next, the 14th inst.

**United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.**—A meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday evening, the 2nd inst. Bro. C. H. Phillips officiated as W.M. and was supported by Bros. H. Goodwin S.W., G. W. Knight J.W., H. M. Williams S.D., E. Newby J.D., H. Baldwin I.G., John S. Terry P.M. Secretary, James Stevens P.M. Hon. Preceptor; also Bros. J. W. Watts, J. Bate, R. Poore, O. L. Finch, &c. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and Bro. Johns, as candidate, proved efficiency. The Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony of passing was effectively rehearsed. Bro. J. Bate delivered the charge in the second degree, and the Preceptor expounded the lecture on the tracing board. Lodge was then closed down, and a vote of thanks having been accorded to the W.M. for his able working on the first occasion of his discharging the duties of that office, the proposed alteration of the Bye-laws agreed to, and joining members elected, the Lodge was closed. The amount of work done, and the instruction afforded, made the evening's proceedings generally satisfactory to those who had attended.

**Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.**—A new medium for the Instruction of Craftsmen has been established under the warrant of the recently consecrated Lodge No. 1949, and to inaugurate the event, on Tuesday, the ceremonies of consecration and installation were rehearsed by Bro. Terry Pr.S.G. Warden Norths and Hunts, P. Prov. G.J. Warden Herts, P.M. 228, 1278, and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at the Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton, S.W. Lodge was opened at 7 o'clock precisely, when Bro. Terry was supported by Bros. H. Lovegrove P.P.G.S. of Works S.W., W. E. Farrington J.W., Richard Poore 1949 I.G., T. C. Edmonds 1507, G. W. Knight, Edwin Storr, H. M. Williams Organist 1669 Secretary, C. H. Phillips 1649 Treasurer, E. A. Francis 1658 Preceptor, W. H. Williams P.M. 104, John W. Williams, John A. Danks 1669, Herbert Goodwin 1669, F. Baxter, John W. Peyton 112, R. R. Johnston 1777, H. Hooper 1949, Albert 1949, H. Baldwin 1949, James S. Terry P.M. 507, E. Newby, &c., &c., altogether there were between 40 and 50 present. The ceremony was ably rehearsed by Bro. Terry, and the musical portion, the conduct of which was entrusted to Bro. A. W. Sebastian Hoare (Trinity College, London), added immensely to the general effect. Bro. Hoare was assisted by several friends, amongst whom may be mentioned Bro. R. Ralli Johnstone. Bro. Henry Lovegrove, as the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. P.M. Terry, and the rehearsal of the ceremony of installation was carried out. The following Officers were named by Bro. Lovegrove:—Bros. G. W. Knight S.W., Henry Baldwin J.W., C. H. Phillips Treasurer, H. M. Williams Secretary, Herbert Goodwin S.D., Ed. Newby J.D., R. Poore Inner Guard. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Terry for the services he had rendered, and after this had been acknowledged, upwards of thirty members were enrolled, thus demonstrating that the establishment of this Lodge of Instruction finds favour with the brethren resident in the district. In the course of a few brief remarks Bro. Lovegrove made one or two practical suggestions, which doubtless will be duly considered. It was likewise intimated that a Charitable Association might be formed, and the advantages that would accrue to the Masonic Institutions by such a step were enlarged upon. Support was promised, and we may look forward to seeing this suggestion bear fruit, and a goodly sum realised by this means. The future meetings will be held every Tuesday evening, at Eight o'clock, at Bro. Monk's, the "Prince Regent," Dulwich Rnd. East Brixton, between Brixton and Herne Hill Stations. The Preceptors appointed are Bro. E. A. Francis, No. 1658, and Bro. Thomas Poore P.M. and P.Z. Brother C. H. Phillips will act as Treasurer, while Bro. Henry M. Williams, No. 1669, will we are assured, ably fulfil the duties of Secretary. After Lodge was closed the brethren repaired to Bro. Monk's, where light refreshments were partaken of, and an hour spent in conviviality.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Brother Charles J. Perceval in the chair. This being the day for the election of the House and Audit Committees the attendance of subscribers entitled to vote was very large. Two boys were placed on the list for election into the School in October. Outfits of £5, £10, and £20 respectively were granted to three late pupils of the Institution. Bro. Binckes informed the Committee that, in accordance with the resolution passed at last meeting, £1,046 5s had been laid out in the purchase of £1,000 India 4 per cent. stock. The election of the House and Audit Committees was then proceeded with. At the declaration of the poll, the following brethren were found to be elected:—House Committee—R. W. Stewart 69 votes, J. L. Mather 64, Edgar Bowyer 61, James Moon 60, J. J. Murray 56, W. Paas 55, Dudley Rolls 55, C. Sanders, M.D. 54, F. W. Ramsay, M.D. 53, W. Roebuck 52, H. W. Hunt 48, J. G. Chancellor 42. Audit Committee—Thomas Cubitt 70, H. Venn 70, C. F. Matier 69, C. F. Hogard 62, R. B. Webster 62, Alfred Williams 50, H. S. Goodall 45, W. Mann 43, C. E. Soppe 42. Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers of Votes, and the Chairman of the day, closed the proceedings.

If Italian Freemasonry has not sustained a very severe loss through the death of General Garibaldi, who was an "Honorary Grand Master for life," but whose health and age were an obstacle to his taking a very active part in its concerns, there is no doubt that Italy has; the expressions of sorrow for his death, and sympathy with the children he leaves behind, showing this unmistakably.

In the issue for the 20th May, just to hand, the Editor of the *Keystone* writes as follows:—

We invite the attention of the brethren in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to the fact that our present "Sesquicentennial" season is an excellent one for the preparation, reading and publication of Lodge histories. The past of every Lodge contains many interesting and valuable facts that should be known to the Craft, for they would not only gratify the brethren, but also strengthen the Fraternity. Let us revive, in every direction, the memories of the founders, and of the leading minds that have directed our Lodges through their past histories. We shall be glad to do what we can to impart information of this character, and if the brethren will prepare succinct sketches of the histories of their respective Masonic bodies, we shall take pleasure in spreading them before the Craft in the columns of the *Keystone*.

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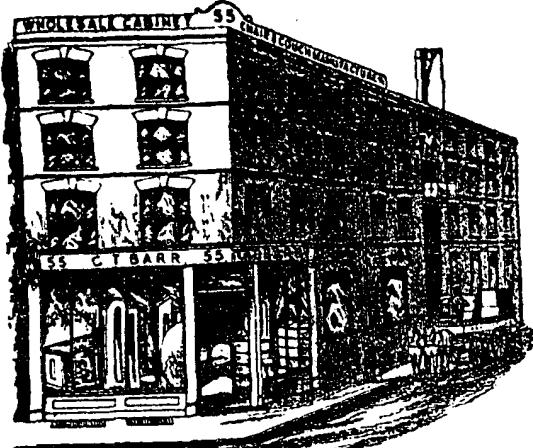


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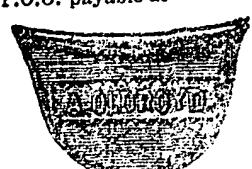
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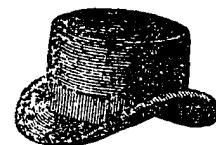
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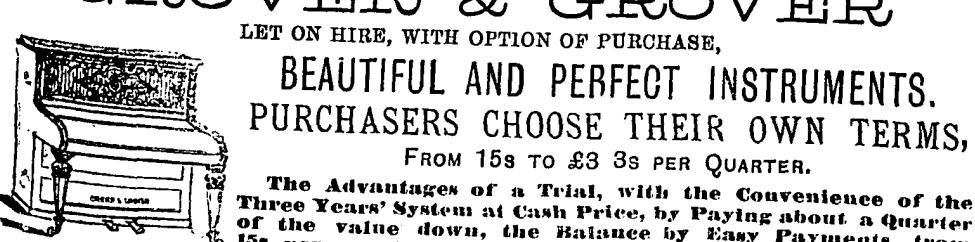
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