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## CANDIDATES FOR THE SCHOOLS.

IN common with others who take an interest in the Educational Institutions of Freemasonry, we have lately been in a position to refer with gratification to the proportion of vacancies available at the recent elections in comparison to the number of candidates seeking admission to the benefits of the Schools, no less than fifty-two children having been admitted from a total of eighty-three approved candidates. This very satisfactory state of affairs presents, however, another side, one which calls for earnest consideration, it having been already asked in different quarters whether there is so much need for energetic action in the way of raising funds for the Educational Institutions as formerly existed, when the number of candidates was so much in excess of the number of vacancies it was possible to declare?

There need be no hesitation in answering this question in the affirmative, indeed it could be very easily proved that there is more need than ever for energetic and sustained effort on behalf of the two School Funds, but it is only necessary for our present purpose to show how the apparent falling off of candidates has been brought about, and then we think there will be no question in the minds of thoughtful Brethren as to the need of even increased subscriptions.

At the outset we may point to the large number of candidates now admitted to the Schools on the first application—at the recent elections eleven of the twenty-two girls and seventeen of the thirty boys then admitted, were first applications—thereby proving beyond all question that better organisation is now in force than was the case in years gone by, when it was the rule to see the majority of the candidates on the list time after time—three applications on the part of each candidate being probably a fair average.

The principle change in this respect is to be found in association with the country cases, very few of the Provinces now putting forward more candidates than they are tolerably sure of carrying at the next election, whereas in olden days it was no uncommon thing for some of them to have four, five, or six on a list, with no possibility of immediate election. But in those days most of the cases were worked in a spasmodic sort of way; there were few Provinces with voting organisations such as is the case now, and consequently there was no scope for the frequent displays of systematic working we have grown accustomed to, and now regard as part and parcel of our elective system.

The elections in London have really become, in many cases, a mere formality. The Provincial Committees have a certain number of votes at their command, and

they decide as to which candidate shall be put forward; not to be kept about time after time at the elections, but to be carried through on the first application—it is the Committee that does the voting, the election in London being a mere confirmation of their action. But it must not be supposed that because they only put forward one candidate they have only one in the district deserving of the help the Boys or the Girls School is able to afford. In most cases the number of deserving children can be reckoned by dozens, and in some there are upwards of a hundred—as is abundantly proved by the number of children to whom help is given out of local funds. But the Committee know their strength, and do not desire to make two or three applications for the one admission they have it in their power to secure.

We believe it is this principle of organisation that is alone accountable for the very close relation in regard to the proportion of candidates to vacancies that has lately existed, and if the critics who argue from recent returns that the Educational Institutions are almost too well supplied with funds will take the trouble to consider these facts, and make any necessary enquiries they may deem necessary to support our view, we believe they will see the matter in the light we present it, and will devote their energy towards the augmentation of the subscriptions rather than imagine the Schools are able to carry out their programmes with curtailed incomes.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE BENEVOLENT.

THE ballot papers for the annual election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which will this year take place on the 18th May, will to-day be in the hands of the supporters of the Fund.

For the Male Branch there were sixty-five approved candidates, of whom one is recorded as dead, while at the time of issuing the voting papers there were twenty-two declared vacancies. On the Widows' side there were fifty-four approved candidates, one of whom, has, however, died since the list was made up, and fourteen vacancies are declared as available. We shall give further attention to the lists in a later issue, but mean, while the very brief details here given are in themselves sufficient to secure the sympathies of the Craft for this estimable Institution, the settlement of whose Chairman for next year's Festival we are enabled to announce in another column.

It is gratifying to know that a most satisfactory response has been made by the West Yorkshire Brethren in answer to the appeal of their Provincial Grand Master, in connection with the next Festival of the Boys School, at which he will preside. We understand a splendid total will be sent from that district, if from no other.

## CONSECRATIONS.

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## GOODACRE, No. 2495.

**T**HIS Lodge was consecrated on the 9th inst., at the County Hall, Bootle. The Pro Grand Master of England, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom Prov. G.M. West Lanc. officiated, and was assisted by several Prov. Grand Officers.

After the consecration Bro. John Fletcher P.M. was installed the first W.M. of the Lodge, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Walter Simpson P.G.S.W.

The Brethren later in the afternoon sat down to a banquet. The Earl of Lathom presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

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## EARL OF WARWICK, No. 2503.

**O**N the 11th inst., the popular Provincial Grand Master of Essex, the Earl of Warwick, with his deputy, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., associated themselves with about thirty Grand Officers of the Province and a large number of the Brethren in the consecration of the Earl of Warwick Lodge, No. 2503, at the Masonic Hall built by Bro. A. C. Smith, in connection with the Roebuck Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, where the new Lodge will hold its future meetings. The twenty-five founders, most of whom were present, include the names of Bros. Sir Wm. Abdy, Bart., Col. Lockwood, M.P., J. H. Salter, and the Rev. T. Lloyd, with others more immediately connected with the district, the unavoidable work preliminary to the formation of a Lodge having fallen chiefly on Bro. C. G. Cutchley, of Buckhurst Hill, who acted as Secretary *pro tem.* to his Brother Founders. Every arrangement had been made for the successful carrying out of the impressive ceremony which the Provincial Grand Master always performs so well, the anthem and other musical portions being beautifully sung by Bros. Dutton (of St. Paul's Cathedral), Lovett King, and G. T. Miles, under the direction of Bro. W. Latter, R.A.M., acting as Organist.

Bro. A. Lucking P.G.D. having marshalled the procession, the Provincial Grand Master opened the Lodge, supported by between eighty and ninety Brethren. In his address he assured the Brethren that he sanctioned the formation of no Lodge in his Province without careful scrutiny of the necessity or desirability for such a Lodge to meet local requirements.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. T. J. Ralling, having read the Petition of those who wished to found this Lodge, and the Warrant, signed by the Grand Master of England, for its foundation, the Provincial Grand Master called upon the P.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. H. T. Armfield, for an oration on the nature and principles of the Institution.

The Chaplain's oration was an extemporaneous address, which for some ten minutes held the Brethren spellbound, as well by the ability and research displayed in its composition as the impressive manner of its delivery. No one, he said, acquainted with the principles of Christianity as enunciated in the New Testament, and those of Freemasonry, could fail to be struck with the remarkable similarity of the two; and both Institutions had, at times, been seriously misunderstood or very much maligned. The tenets of the former laid down by St. Paul in the words—"Honour all men, love the brotherhood, fear God, honour the king," so exactly represented the principles inculcated by their Order that the impression generally prevailed among them that they had been adopted from Christianity. This had been his view until a close examination of the Testament, aided by an intimate knowledge of the language in which it was written, as well as of Hebrew and some kindred tongues, compelled him to doubt whether, on the contrary, the founder of the Christian faith had not accepted and enforced principles already propounded by their Order as it then existed. Expressions or words from time to time made use of in the Sacred Writings, though translated in our English version in such a manner as to conceal allusions which would otherwise have been apparent to any Freemason, were, in the original, terms which undoubtedly

corresponded with those then used in connection with the Mysteries, and in no other sense. There were allusions to initiation, "builder" should appear as "master mason," and several other examples were given. The very charge on which Christ was slain was shown to be Masonic; and he thought the hostility of the priesthood to the teaching of Christ gave a clue to the derivation and meaning of a word used in Masonic ritual to denote "stranger" or "enemy," of which no one had given a satisfactory explanation, but which he found was pure Hebrew for "priest." It was very clear to him that not one of the translators of the authorised version of the New Testament was a Freemason. Concluding a most able oration on the Order, the speaker urged the Brethren so to carry out what they had undertaken that the correspondence to which he had drawn attention might be apparent to all.

The ceremony of dedicating and constituting the Lodge completed, the P.G. Master put his Deputy into the chair to instal Bro. C. C. Black as its first W.M. This accomplished by Bro. Philbrick in his usual fine style, the new W.M. invested the following Brethren as Officers: C. G. Cutchley I.P.M., Col. Lockwood S.W., J. H. Retallack-Moloney J.W., the Rev. T. Lloyd Chaplain, Sir W. N. Abdy, Bart., Treas., W. G. Norman Sec., W. G. Holland Asst. Sec., W. G. Bridges S.D., T. Brandreth Gibbs J.D., C. J. Smith I.G., W. S. McDonald A.D.C., W. Latter Org., E. White and J. B. Gregar Stewards, J. Ives Tyler.

After Lodge, about eighty Brethren sat down to banquet, the W.M. being supported by the Provincial Grand Master Earl of Warwick, the D.P.G.M. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., and, besides those already named in Lodge, Bros. Dr. Clement Godson (who replied for the Grand Officers), Lennox Browne, A. Cooper, J. J. C. Turner, Harris Hills, E. H. Baily, H. F. Bromhead, E. Shedd, W. Wood, H. Dehane, J. Boulton, J. R. Morford, B. Thomas, Mark Gentry, J. N. Rockley, A. Buck, J. Speller, H. Francis, F. H. Meggy, &c.

The musical arrangements, which were under the direction of Bro. Latter, the Organist, were of quite an exceptional character, the Brethren thoroughly appreciating the singing of Miss Motherway and Miss Kathleen Latter, as well as the performances of Bros. Lovett King, G. T. Miles and C. A. Blyth. The menu and toast list was faced with a photograph portrait of Earl Warwick, and bore one of the W.M. on its last fold.

The banner of the Lodge has a representation of Warwick Castle in its centre, and the Founder's jewel is a seven rayed gold star with blue enamel centre suspended by a ribbon with cross bars bearing the name and date of foundation of the Lodge, and a representation of Warwick Castle painted on enamel between them. It is proposed to restrict the Lodge to about fifty members. The earlier intention had been to hold the Lodge at the Castle Hotel, Woodford, but this was found to be in the metropolitan Masonic district.—*Essex County Chronicle.*

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## SOUTHPORT MARK, No. 473.

**O**N the 29th ult. the Earl of Lathom Provincial Grand Mark Master of Lancashire consecrated this Lodge at the Masonic Buildings, Lord Street, Southport. The Prov. G.M. was assisted by Bros. Walter Simpson Prov. G.S.W., David Jones P.P.G.S.W. as J.W., Rev. T. Barton Spencer P.G.C. of Eng. as Chaplain (assisted by the Rev. C. Hesketh Knowlys P.P.G.C.), W. B. Akerman Prov. G.D.C., John Fletcher P.Prov.G.I.G. as I.G.

After the consecration had been most impressively performed in the presence of about sixty Brethren, including many of the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, the installation of the W.M. (Bro. W. Platt P.Prov.G. Organist), was performed by Bro. J. H. Barrow P.Prov.G.J.W., and the newly-installed W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, nine of whom had joined with him in the petition for the foundation of the Lodge. The chief Officers were: Bros. Warwick Wood P.Prov.G.J.O. S.W., Walter Connard J.W., Jas. Platt P.Prov.G.J.W. Secretary, J. H. Barrow P.Prov.G.J.W. Treasurer, P. Rawsthorne M.O., H. Peak S.O., W. E. Bland J.O., J. C. Robinson P.Prov. G.D.C. D.C., James J. Lambert P.P.G.Reg. Reg. Lord

Lathom was elected the first Hon. Member of the Lodge, which honour he very graciously accepted, and Bro. John Chadwick Prov. G. Secretary the second Hon. Member.

### GUERNSEY AND DEPENDENCIES.

FOR some twenty-five years past the Masonic Lodges of Guernsey and Alderney have been working under the direct control of the Grand Lodge of England. Previous to that time they had been for a long period affiliated to the Jersey Province, with Bro. John Hammond, of Jersey, as Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. James Gallienne, of Guernsey, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who, with a full staff of Provincial Grand Officers, presided over the affairs of Guernsey. When the Provincial Grand Lodge of Jersey, through the resignation of its Provincial Grand Master, became defunct, Guernsey, as a matter of course, followed suit. On the re-organisation of the Jersey Provincial Grand Lodge, with Bro. Colonel Malet de Carteret as Master, Guernsey was asked to affiliate itself as formerly, but declined, and petitioned Grand Lodge to be made a separate and distinct Province. This prayer was not granted, for several reasons, amongst others that the Lodges of the bailiwick were not numerous enough to constitute a separate Province. The growth of twenty-five years has removed that objection, and, other obstacles having also ceased to exist, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, has been graciously pleased to constitute Guernsey and its dependencies a Province, with Bro. Brigade-Surgeon J. Balfour Cockburn, M.D., as Provincial Grand Master. This is a step which has been long wished for by the majority of local Masons, as the Lodges of Guernsey and Alderney have for some time past been the only ones in the world unattached to a Province. The step will also doubtless give an impetus to the Order in Guernsey, equal to that which followed the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Master has nominated Bro. E. C. Ozanne, Her Majesty's Controller, to be Deputy Prov. Grand Master. — *Guernsey News*.

### SUSSEX.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on 14th inst., under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Superintendent Comp. Lieutenant-General C. W. Randolph, who was supported by several Provincial Grand Officers.

The Grand Superintendent addressed the Companions, expressing his pleasure at meeting them, and the gratification he had experienced in visiting the various Chapters. He alluded to the death of Comp. R. Pidcock who, for seven years, had acted as Prov. G. Treasurer, and who had been esteemed and respected by all who knew him.

The sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and then the following Provincial Grand Officers were appointed for the year:

Lord Walter Gordon Lennox P.Z. 38	-	H.
H. Langton P.Z. 271	-	J.
V. P. Freeman P.Z. 311 315 732	-	Scribe E.
C. W. Duke P.Z. 40	-	Scribe N.
J. M. Reed P.Z. 732	-	Treasurer
J. P. Slingsby Roberts P.Z. 1466	-	Registrar
T. Billing P.Z. 732	-	Principal Sojourner
J. C. Buckwell P.Z. 811	-	Assistant Sojourners
J. W. Broad P.Z. 311	-	
F. J. Cox P.Z. 916	-	Sword Bearer
R. Hughes P.Z. 40	-	Standard Bearer
W. Gill P.P.G.S.N. P.Z. 811	-	Director of Ceremonies
A. King P.P.G.J. P.Z. 271	-	Organist
E. T. Cooksey Z. 315	-	Stewards
W. Wright Z. 311	-	

The Companions afterwards sat down to a banquet, the chair being taken by Lieutenant-General Randolph. The customary Royal Arch Masonic toasts were honoured.

The Palace Hotel, Hastings, entirely redecored and lighted by electricity, will re-open under the management of Spiers and Pond (Limited), on the 21st inst.

### GRAND MARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

THE Tenth Annual Festival was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on the 9th inst. Bros. W. Vincent P.A.D.C. Preceptor W.M., J. Reynolds Green S.W., W. Featherstonhaugh J.W., James Hill M.O., J. Ramsey S.O., H. Lyon J.O., C. F. Matier Grand Sec. Treas., E. M. Money P.M. Reg. of Marks, J. Smith Secretary, G. J. Thomas P.M. S.D., S. L. Kilpin D.C., H. R. Rose P.M. Org., J. S. Tamburini I.G., E. J. Mills Tyler, and about seventy other Brethren.

The ceremony of Advancement was rehearsed, Bro. Perryman Candidate. Needless to say the ceremony was carried out in the most perfect manner, Bro. Vincent and his Officers vieing with each other in performing their duties in the most perfect form, affording most useful instruction to the Brethren. Bro. Smith Sec. gave the lecture connected with the Degree, in distinct and very impressive tones; this the Brethren appreciated very much. Bro. Vincent is to be heartily congratulated on the great success of his undertaking; certainly no Brother is more capable of giving instruction in the Mark Degree than he, and Brethren seeking instruction cannot do better than join this Lodge of Instruction. Heartly congratulations were tendered by the Brethren, and Lodge closed.

A banquet followed. Col. A. B. Cook Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex presided at the table, in the absence of Sir Reginald Hanson. A great many Grand Officers were present.

A proposal has been made in Kent to raise a testimonial to Bro. Alfred Spencer, on his completion of twenty-one years service in the Province, of which he is Grand Secretary.

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There was a successful meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire at Huddersfield, on Wednesday, under the presidency of the local chief, Rt. Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P. We hope to give a report of the proceedings next week.

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Sir John and Lady Monckton were the recipients of much honour at the Mansion House, when a large number of their friends, civic, Masonic, and private, assembled in the Egyptian Hall, at the bidding of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, to witness the presentation of a diamond suite to Lady Monckton and the uncovering of a bust of Sir John, which it is proposed to present eventually to the Corporation, to be placed in Guildhall. Speeches were made by Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., Mr. E. Letchworth (Grand Secretary of Freemasons), and Mr. J. L. Toole. The Lord Mayor then made some appropriate remarks and uncovered the bust, at the same time making the presentation to Lady Monckton who briefly and gracefully replied. Sir John Monckton also expressed his sincere thanks for the honour that had been paid to his wife and himself.—*Daily Telegraph*, 18th April.

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We have the highest esteem for that excellent, hospitable, and charitable body of men known as Freemasons. But we are afraid that the appeal of the Argentine Brethren to the Prince of Wales, President Cleveland, the King of Portugal, and President Peixoto, on behalf of the Brazilian refugees will not have much effect as such. If the refugees are all Masons, and President Peixoto be also of the Craft, then, perhaps, a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Argentina might avail something. Only it might not be quite a safe thing for the conveners, for even the most earnest Freemason is apt to forget the principles of the brotherhood in the excitement of politics. But, after all, there is no reason to fear that the Portuguese Government will surrender the insurgents who have sought an asylum on their ships of war. The commanders might have refused to take them in, but having given them shelter, they can hardly with decency hand them over to the tender mercies of the ruthless Peixoto.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

## ERRORS OF THE PRESS.

(Continued from Page 115.)

THOMAS MOORE, who was aware of the printer's liability to commit errors, makes a happy hit at them in his "Fudges in England:"—

"But a week or two since, in my 'Ode to the Spring,'—  
Which I meant to have made a most beautiful thing—  
Where I talked of the 'dew-drops from freshly-blown roses,'  
The nasty things made it, from 'fleshy brown noses.'"

In a copy of Dr. Johnson's tragedy of Irene,\* one of the characters has to address Mahomet II. thus:—

"Forgive, great Sultan, that by fate prevented,  
I bring a tardy message from Irene."

The printer omitted the e in fate," and gave it:—

"Forgive, great Sultan, that by fat prevented, &c.," thus indicating that the messenger was too corpulent to reach his royal master in time to save the heroine's life.

In the little "Canterbury Poets" edition of Keats, 1886, the lines in the "Ode to Psyche:"—

"Their lips touched not, but had not bade adieu,  
As if disjoin'd by soft-handed slumber,"

are printed:—

"Their lips touched not, but had not bade adieu,  
As if disjointed by soft-handed slumber,"

a disjointed lip being a "lusus naturæ" indeed.

In Coleridge's "Ode to the Nightingale," are the following lines:

"And swift jug jug;  
And one low piping sound more sweet than all;"

but one printer by the alteration of a single letter, entirely changed the sense, thus:—

"And swift jug jug,  
And one low piping sound more sweet than ale."

A compositor, having to set in type the words of an illustrious author:—

"Sermons in stones, books in the running brooks,"

treated the readers to his own emendation, thus:—

"Sermons in books, stones in running brooks."

A poetical bachelor wrote some verses for the village paper, in which he expressed a wish that the time would soon arrive when he should:—

"—rest calmly within a shroud,  
With a weeping willow by his side."

But imagine his horror and disgust when he found that his poetry had assumed this form:—

"When I shall rest calmly within a shawl,  
With a weeping widow by my side."

A printer named Johnson, published a circular in the year 1793, in which he professed to have discovered a means of rendering errors impossible. It was ably reasoned in style, and carefully revised in the printing no doubt, yet the immaculate inventor would be annoyed when he found that with all his care the word "Majesty" had been printed "Najesty."

Even the most popular newspapers are not always free from blunders: the London "Times" on Monday, the 18th June 1888, bore date of Sunday the 17th, and a few days previously, the parliamentary report for the 12th of June appeared under the date of 12th July.

By an error of the press, the "Eclectic Review" was advertised as the Epilectic Review, and, on inquiry being made for it at a bookseller's shop, the bibliopole replied that "he knew of no periodical called the Epilectic Review, though there might be such a publication coming out by fits and starts."

Though we should not criticise too severely the Irish newspaper which announced that "Robespierre left no children behind him, except a brother, who was killed at the same time," yet the information comes with startling surprise from an English journal that Her Majesty Queen Victoria was "the last person to wear another man's crown."

The Graphic once informed its readers that the Duke of Buckingham, of Queen Anne's reign, "was married three times, and on each occasion to three widows," in which case he must have been troubled with a plurality of wives.

A Tory editor wrote:—"Lord Cairns is less accustomed to parry and fence than Lord Beaconsfield." The compositor rendered the expression thus:—"Lord Cairns is less accustomed to palsy and fever than Lord Beaconsfield."

According to a newspaper of February 1882, the Marquis of Queensberry was bitterly incensed against the "Times" for the single omission of that often abused letter "h" in a communication which he had addressed to the editor. The Marquis had referred to himself as a thinker, and much to his chagrin, "he was displayed before the world self-described as a 'tinker.'"

In the year 1888, a letter appeared in one of the London papers from Mr. Osborne Morgan. Mr. Morgan complained that a speech of his had been misrepresented. He had been made to say that the Liberal-Unionists were "all asses but not masses," whereas his

expression was that on their side were "all the classes but not the masses."

A metropolitan editor desired to abandon the use of Roman numerals in the columns of his paper, and issued an edict that for the future all monarchical titles should be given in full. Thus Henry VIII. must be converted into Henry the Eight, and so on according to the style adopted. Nothing could be more explicit, but the compositor,—probably not knowing that X is the Greek equivalent to CH. and the initial letter of the Greek name Christ, in setting up a reference to Good Friday sermons, came upon the abbreviated combination "Jesus Xt," and obeying literally the instructions of his employer, he set up the words "Jesus the Eleventh" in large, bold type. He had taken the "Xt" for "XI."

"It might be supposed that in so dignified and monarchical a publication as the Court Circular, the Queen's English would be respected," says an evening paper of 17th March 1890. "A reference to the drowning of Sir Howard Elphinstone, however, reads thus: 'He had been selected by the Prince Consort to be governor of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught when he was only eight and a half years old.' What is thus conveyed is that the late Sir Howard Elphinstone was extremely juvenile when he undertook the duty. But what is really meant is that the Duke of Connaught was then eight and a half years old."

The Scottish poet, Alexander Smith, who wrote in his "Life Drama," sc. II:—"See the pale martyr in a sheet of fire," was no doubt disgusted when he found the line changed to, "See the pale martyr with his shirt on fire." It is supposed that the original is to be found in "Juvenal's Satires":—"Qua stantes ardent qui fixo guttere fumant."

The editor of the "Evangelical Observer," in reference to an individual, took occasion to write that he was rectus in ecclesia, that is, in good standing in church. The type setter, to whom this was a dead language, in the editor's absence, converted it into rectus in culina, or of good standing in the kitchen.

The editor of a Tyneside evening paper wrote humorously with regard to a certain libel case, and stated in his remarks that "shooting your wife's pet cats may be an interesting pastime, but it deserves to be made a costly one." The printer improved the humour as follows:—"shortening your wife's petticoats may be an interesting pastime, etc."

A leading journal once flashed upon its readers the important news that "upon one day in a certain week, one hundred and forty cases of cholera occurred in Naples in forty-eight hours."

Irish reporters, perhaps owing to the recognised tendency of the soil to produce "bulls," are a privileged class, and entirely outside the pale of grammatical criticism. One of them, in describing the result of a conflict between the police and the people, in which firearms were used, writes:—"In the infirmary lies John Smith with his shattered leg, which was amputated on Tuesday last." An Irish author says that "among those mortally wounded at Waterloo was Major O'Brien, afterwards distinguished for his bravery in the Indian wars."

Towards the close of the year 1890, an amusing mistake occurred in the speech of Mr. Parnell, member for Cork. This was made by substituting the word "priests" for "forests." Speaking about Irish mining and iron producing works, Mr. Parnell is made to say that, "with the denudation of the priests of Ireland, these smelting operations came to an end," thus implying that members of the ecclesiastical body had at one time been used as fuel.

Baron Dowse in giving judgment in a case of alleged libel which turned mainly on the omission of the word not, said that mistakes often occurred in newspapers, and gave an instance of his own experience. Addressing a Cork jury, he quoted the well known line from Tennyson's "Locksley Hall":—"Better fifty years of Europe than a cycle in Cathay." To his horror he found himself reported in a local paper as having said:—"Better fifty years of Europe than a circus in Bombay."

"Book of Rarities," by Bro. Edward Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov.G.T.  
(To be continued.)

## Masonic Sonnets, No. 88.

By BRO. CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D., 295 and 2417 (E.C.) Hon. Mem.  
1242 (E.C.) and 24 (S.C.)

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I have a friend—a true Masonic friend—  
A Craftsman good who loves The Mystic Tie;  
Who loves our Art to praise and to defend,  
And loves still more our Architect on High,  
His heart is noble, for 'tis strong for Right,  
His deeds are Just, he would not hurt a foe;  
His actions one and all will bear the Light,  
And he undaunted 'mid its brightest glow.  
I love him as a father loves his child—  
True Masons know the love I would portray;  
A love that wavers not—nor is defiled  
By earthly thorns we meet with day by day;  
But grows in Strength when worldly tempests blow  
And plucks the seeds that malice fain would sow.

Winder House, Bradford,

18th April 1894.

\* In the spring of 1749, David Garrick, who was manager of Drury Lane Theatre, brought out this tragedy for Dr. Johnson. An incident which occurred on the first night of its representation probably helped to condemn the piece, which only lasted nine nights. The audience refused to allow the heroine to be strangled on the stage, crying out "murder," and the execution was afterwards omitted.

Dr. Conan Doyle, Author of "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes," is to write a series of articles for "Great Thoughts," the first of which will appear in the issue of 5th May.

## PRACTICAL MASONRY.

**T**HERE is much talk of the beautiful ritual of symbolic Masonry, of the impressive ceremonies and instructive symbols, and the Institution is praised for this, the sentimental part of its organisation. Sentiment is good. Sentiment may be made very touching, but sentiment alone will produce little practical good. It is the effort, the exercise of brawn and muscle that tells in the achievement of any work. Theory is one thing, practice altogether another. A man may theorise all his life, and plan most magnificent works of science and art, but as long as they are mere theorisings, nothing will be done that will benefit mankind.

Precisely so is Masonry. The theory and sentiment of the degrees are one thing, the practical working out of the theory is quite another. At the beginning, the candidate is bid "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Beautiful sentiment, sublime truth, divine doctrine. If he is a thoughtful man, he can but be pleased that he has at last found a place where peace and unity dwell serene. What is the use of this theory of unity and good fellowship if it is not put into practice? Teach a man that he ought to live at peace with his fellow, and before the sound of the sentence dies away, give him a practical illustration of the fact that it is mere sentiment and theory. Where's the use of it? Masons ought to be practical in their work.

There never was a time—at least, there has not been for many years—when there was a greater need for less sentiment and more practice. The world to-day is a practical world. The days of theory have passed. The mere sentimentalist will be run down and crushed beneath the crowd of practical workers. The times call for practical effort. The theory of Masonic teaching, and the sentiment of the ceremonies and the lessons of its symbols must be used as levers to raise the man to his true position as a factor in the practical world of to-day. Sentiment must be only the steam that moves the machinery. Absolutely necessary it is, but the whole universe full of steam with no application of it to machinery would produce nothing but vaporous stagnation.

The sentiment and theory of Masonry is like music to the army. The music in itself fights no battles, but it incites the men who hear it to deeds of valour. It stirs the heart, and puts the whole man into action. Every pulsation of the heart is the practical result of the sentiment of the music. The whole army may be prepared to do battle. Their forts may be well manned and the engines of destruction in good position and strongly fortified. Ammunition may be abundant, and shot and shell be piled mountain high, but so long as the guns are silent, the men inactive, the ammunition and shells piled up in heaps, all this "pomp and circumstance of war" is mere sentiment, and will avail nothing against an active band, no matter how small.

And so it is with our symbols and ceremonies; they are useless except as they stimulate to action. Of what use to a hungry man is a lecture on the evils of gormandising or intemperance? Of what use is a tract on the efficacy of prayer or the beauty of faith to a man who is freezing with cold? "Be thou warmed and clothed," is mere sentiment, and does not warm or clothe as long as the bowels of mercy are closed. Sorrow for suffering is hypocrisy unless there is some effort to relieve that suffering. At this season of the year, in this practical year, there is need for practical Masonry. The theory of charity, the sentiment of relief must serve as the fire within, to generate steam of action. "Be thou warmed and clothed" must be carried out by actual work. The hand must be opened, and the heart must be ready to respond to the cry of the needy. In this way alone will the Institution carry out practically its mission. Theory and sentiment must be followed by active effort.—*New York Dispatch.*

A meeting was recently held in the Assembly Rooms, Bull Hotel, to consider the question of establishing a Lodge for Hoddesdon. There was a good attendance, everything being satisfactory. Application will shortly be made for the necessary permission to form the Lodge.

We are very pleased to hear that, with a view to perpetuate the long and active services to Freemasonry in Essex of the Provincial Grand Secretary, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has, on the recommendation of the Earl of Warwick Provincial Grand Master, granted a warrant for the formation of a Lodge at Chingford, to be called the Thomas Ralling Lodge, numbered on the Grand Lodge Register 2508. This Lodge is to be consecrated on Tuesday, 1st May, by the Earl of Warwick, and we are asked to state that members of the Fraternity desirous of being present should communicate at once with Bro. William Clifford, 3 Moorgate Street Buildings, London, E.C. As the accommodation is limited, preference will be given to early applicants.

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Under its popular "They say" heading, the "Islington Gazette" remarks that "those who say they make a good thing by being Freemasons are not always correct. The best of a long list of candidates for a public office this week was scratched because he put the square and compass at the corner of his letter of application. And serve him right." We endorse the verdict of our contemporary, being of opinion that any Mason who so mixes Freemasonry up with his business is acting in opposition to the principles of the Order, which enjoin that its members should be uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives in their association with it.

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The Most Worshipful Grand Master has appointed Lord Llangattock as Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, in succession to the late Sir George Elliot, Bart.

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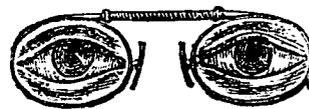
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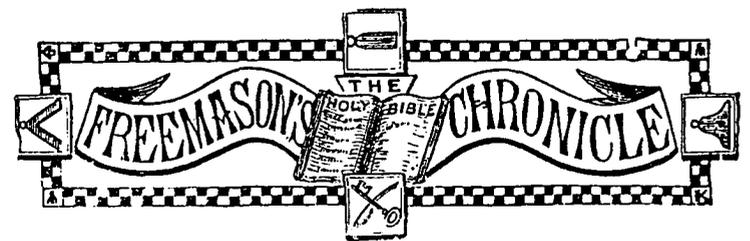
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2	Vassar-Smith, R. V.	213 "
3	Le Feuvre, Major J. E., J.P.	186 "
4	Burgess, James W.	106 "
5	Bailey, W. H.	103 "
	Bradley, Thomas	66 "
	Manfield, Henry	50 "
	Margrett, Edward	49 "

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Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

WE are pleased to learn that Viscount Dungarvan  
Provincial Grand Master of Somersetshire has  
consented to preside at next year's Anniversary Festival.

## PROVINCIAL CHARITY FUNDS.

THE annual meeting of the subscribers to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on the 3rd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter, for the appointment of Officers and the election of four candidates on the Fund. Bro. E. H. Shorto presided, and a good attendance included Bros. J. B. Gover Sec., J. R. Lord Treasurer, W. H. Dillon Assistant Secretary.

The Treasurer reported that the balance brought forward from the year 1892 was £264 9s 5d, while the subscriptions for the past year amounted to £445 13s 6d. Interest on the deposits amounted to £22, thus bringing the total receipts to £737 2s 11d. After paying all liabilities they had a balance at the bank and in the Treasurer's hands of £417 13s 4d, in addition to which they had £900 in the Devon and Cornwall Bank, thus bringing the total value of the Fund at end of last year to £1,317 13s 4d, as against £1,164 9s 4d in the previous year. This substantial increase in their funds was all the more gratifying because they had more than maintained the number of children on the Fund, and were now paying a larger sum for their clothing and education than they had ever before expended since the Institution was started. The subscriptions received for the present year already amounted to £241 16s, a sum in excess of any previous year up to this date.

The report was adopted, and, on the motion of Bro. Powell, seconded by Bro. Watson, Bro. Lord was unanimously re-elected as Hon. Treasurer, both mover and seconder highly eulogising the valuable services Bro. Lord had rendered to the Fund for many years.

On the motion of Bros. Gregory and Mutten, Bro. Gover was re-elected as Hon. Secretary, Bro. Mutten remarking that the Treasurer and Secretary were equally deserving of the thanks of the society. They were twin brothers in the desire they always showed to promote the prosperity of the Fund, the success of which was largely due to their ungrudging efforts. Bro. Gover, in moving the re-election of Bro. W. H. Dillon as Asst. Sec. personally thanked him for his services, which were, he said, of the greatest value. Bro. Dillon worked in season and out of season on behalf of the Society, in which he took the warmest interest.

Bro. C. Mutten remarked that in the face of the excellent report which the Treasurer had presented, it might seem out of place to suggest that further support should be given to the Institution, but a reference to the printed reports of the last two years showed that there were some twelve or fifteen Lodges in the Province which did not contribute a single penny to the Fund. Whether this was due to want of interest in the society, or to want of knowledge of the excellent work which it was doing, it was a condition of things that ought not to exist any longer, and he hoped steps would be at once taken to induce the non-subscribing Lodges to give some practical help in the future. Lodges ought not to wait until they had a candidate for election before they became subscribers to the Fund, and he hoped his appeal would reach the ears of those to whom it was more particularly addressed, and that next year the Committee would be able to congratulate themselves on a large addition to their income.

Bros. W. Allsford and S. J. Page joined Bro. Mutten in his appeal to the non-subscribing Lodges to help the Institution, and Bro. Page said he should like to see some system adopted by which, when candidates were to be elected, preference should be given to children whose fathers, during their lifetime, were supporters of the Fund. It sometimes happened that children whose parents had not been subscribers were elected, while the children of subscribers failed to secure election. This had a discouraging effect, and might work to the prejudice of the Institution.

The Chairman said there was no doubt the questions raised were worthy of consideration, and he hoped that the remarks made would result in some practical good. With reference to what had fallen from Bro. Page, it was a striking fact that of the six candidates before them that day for election, no less than four were the children of Masons who were not subscribers to the Fund. At the same time they must be careful not to draw a hard and fast line, and to say that on no account should they elect

a child whose parent was not a subscriber to the Fund. To do so would be to convert Freemasonry into a mere benefit society rather than a charitable society. On the other hand, those who had the best claim were those who had been supporters of the Fund, whether as Lodges or as individual subscribers. The subjects raised were well deserving of the consideration of the Educational and General Purposes Committee, and perhaps that Committee would think the matter over, with a view to taking any action they might deem desirable.

It was decided to refer the whole matter to the General Purposes Committee, in accordance with the Chairman's suggestion.

The election of candidates on the Fund was then proceeded with. There were four vacancies to be filled, and six applications. Of this number a child nominated by Lodge Benevolence, Princetown, brought forward 694 votes from the last election; and a child from Southmolton brought forward 70 votes. The other applications were new. The candidate from Princetown now headed the poll with a total of 843 votes; the daughter of a late Brother of Lodge 70, Plymouth, who was drowned in H.M.S. Victoria, came next with 793 votes; the son of a late Brother of Lodge 39 (Exeter), was third with 705; and the daughter of a late brother of Lodge 1125, Tiverton, secured the fourth place with 450 votes. The unsuccessful candidates were a child from Ilfracombe, who obtained 280 votes; and the child from Southmolton, who secured only 11 votes in addition to the 70 brought forward, making a total of 81. Altogether 2,400 votes were recorded.

Before the meeting separated, a very hearty vote of thanks was given to the Exeter Brethren for their generous hospitality to the visiting brethren, and to the Chairman for presiding.—*Western Morning News*.

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THE East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution still continues to do excellent work. From the eighteenth annual report, just issued, we notice that the total ordinary receipts amount to £2,335 14s 8d, against £1,544 18s 2d in the previous year, or an increase of £790 16s 6d. As evidencing the greater interest taken in the Institution, it may be mentioned that 76 Lodges and 175 individuals subscribed to the funds, as against 55 Lodges, and 110 individuals in the previous year. The payments for education and relief amount to £542 17s; twenty-six children have benefitted by education grants, twenty-three Brethren and Widows have received grants made by the Relief Board, and seventy-five have been relieved by the Almoners' Committee. The balance in the Bank and Secretary's hands at the end of the year 1893 was £1,233 17s 2d, as against £737 1s 7d at the beginning of the year.—*Lancashire Evening Express*.

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THERE was a large assembly at the Grimsby Town Hall on the 30th ult., when a Masonic ball and reception took place, in aid of the Anderson Bates Benevolent Fund, a local Masonic charity. The whole of the Town Hall had been placed by the Corporation at the service of the Committee. The hall and corridors were handsomely decorated, floral embellishments predominating. In addition to the leading members of the Craft in Lincolnshire, the occasion was honoured by the presence of several Grand Officers of England, the assembly being a brilliant and fashionable one, everything promising a successful result for the object at issue.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, says the "Keystone," has this provision: "Electioneering in any way for office in the Grand Lodge is positively prohibited, and any member guilty of the offence shall be ineligible to office, and, if any Officer, shall forfeit the office held by him; and the same rule shall apply to subordinate Lodges." Referring to this, the "Mallett," in "Glasgow Evening News," says: I have noticed in perusing the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland recently that it contains a provision of a similar nature.

### INFORMATION WANTED.

By BRO. JACOB NORTON.

THE following was copied from the "Gentleman's Magazine," to which I respectfully call attention of Masonic students.

A NARRATIVE of the Persecution of Hippolyto Joseph da Costa Pereira Furtado de Mondenga, a native of Colonia-do-Sacramento, on the River de la Plata; imprisoned and tried in Lisbon, by the Inquisition, for the pretended Crime of Free-masonry. To which are added, the Bye-laws of the Inquisition of Lisbon, both antient and modern (never before published), taken from the Originals in one of the Royal Libraries in London. 2 vols. 8vo. Sherwood and Co.

With much regret we learn from this Narrative that the Inquisition still continues, with all its dreadful horrors, in Portugal. The Author of this "Narrative" is duly qualified to describe its dreadful horrors, having suffered ten years imprisonment for the alleged crime of Free Masonry. Fortunately, however, he escaped and lived to tell the tale.

"From my earliest infancy I had accustomed myself to consider the existence of the Inquisition in Europe as a system formed by ignorance and superstition, and therefore I had always viewed it with horror; but little did I ever dream of becoming myself a victim of its persecution. It is hardly credible that in the nineteenth century a tribunal should exist, that, without any apparent cause, or without any violation of the laws of the country, should feel empowered to seize individuals, and try them for offences which must be considered imaginary, if they are not to be found, which is the case, in the criminal code of the country."

The volumes are inscribed:

"To the British Nation, at large, and more particularly to the most antient and venerable Society of free and accepted Masons, who have the honour at this time, and have had for these 20 years, of possessing His Royal Highness the Prince Regent for their Grand Master, this work is humbly and most respectfully dedicated, as a token of his admiration for their Constitution, and as a pledge of Gratitude for their universally acknowledged philanthropy, which is not merely confined to Europe, but has extended its influence to the most distant corners of the Globe, by

The Author."

Mr. Hippolyto da Costa (of whom a good portrait is given) is Editor of the *Correio Braziliense*, a Portuguese Journal published in London, on loyal but independent principles; and seems fully entitled to the protection and patronage of the Prince Regent of Portugal, and of the British Nation. Some account of his Relations was given in our last, p. 21.

The secrets of the Prison House are faithfully revealed; and the work abounds with useful information.

P. 143, Vol. 82, part 1, Feb. 1812, *Gent. Mag.*

In the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 4th May 1889, the reader will find an account of a Trial of a French Freemason in Spain by the Inquisition, which I copied from Lleaent's History of the Spanish Inquisition. The above extract from the "Gentleman's Magazine" furnishes a clue to another Trial of a Freemason by the Inquisition. Now if I had access to the two volumes by Bro. da Costa referred to above, I would take great pleasure in copying from the said volumes everything that I supposed would interest the readers of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. That is, I would give an account of Bro. da Costa's imprisonment, trial, and final escape; I would also copy the Bye-laws of the Inquisition, if I found them interesting. Unfortunately, however, I cannot find Bro. da Costa's books in Boston, and I, therefore, ask some English Brother to do that unto me which I would have done unto him, if I had the power to do. The two volumes of Bro. da Costa can doubtless be found in some London Library, and as he has dedicated his book to the Masonic Fraternity, a copy of them may be found in Grand Lodge Library in London. I hope therefore that some good Brother will furnish the desired information above indicated.

BOSTON, U.S., 22nd March 1894.

### "A HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY."

AT Bow County Court, before Judge French, Erskine and Co., publishers, of Birmingham, sued Henry William Boorer, furniture dealer, Hubbard Street, Bow, for £gs. for books supplied. This was a case affecting a large number of Freemasons throughout the country, against many of whom similar actions are now pending. Defendant was called upon by plaintiff's traveller and induced to sign an order for the delivery, in quarterly parts, of a book styled "The History of Freemasonry," to be completed in three volumes, at 35s each. When the parts began to arrive defendant found that the book was an old one published ten years ago, and he refused to go on with the contract.

Judge French (examining the order): It says the book is to be completed in three volumes. To my mind that implies that it is to be a new work. In that case defendant would be justified in refusing it. His Honour added that it was certainly a point which was open to argument, and he would reserve his decision in that case till the hearing of further similar cases which would be argued by counsel next week.—"Morning Post."

### THE ANTIQUITY OF FREEMASONRY.

SOME of our Masonic Lecturers make very bold statements in regard to the early history of the Craft, but the following, from the "Oban Times" seems to allow of little, if any, further extension into the far-off realms of the past:

Mr. Wm. Campbell, Oban, recently delivered a most interesting address to the members of the local Lodge of Freemasons (Commercial, No. 180), in regard to the antiquity of Freemasonry. In the course of the address he said:—

"From the time of Adam to Noah Scriptural history contains a complete prophecy of Christ and his sacrifice, yet the people got so corrupted that Noah is told to build an ark as a further warning to the wickedness of the people; and after it was built, but before its internal fittings were commenced—as we learn from an old tradition mentioned in Bryant's 'Analysis,' Maurice's 'Hindustan,' papers on Asiatic Researches, and Faber's 'History of Pagan Idolatry'—the first close-tyled lodge was held in Noah's Ark in the year 1599 from Adam, and 57 years before the flood. The first degree was wrought in the lower, the second in the middle, and the third in the upper storey. Methuselah is mentioned as one of those present, as well as several others who died, like Methuselah, before the flood. Then, a further proof of this is shown in the solar allegory as handed down to us that Masonry was first practised in a close-tyled Lodge when Taurus was in the vernal equinox, Leo at the summer solstice, Scorpio at the autumnal equinox; and as the rate of precision is known to all astronomers, they have calculated when the vernal equinox was in Taurus, and find that it was in 1599 from Adam, and 57 years before the flood. So that astronomy proves the tradition before alluded to as correct. What, then, is Freemasonry? The answer is—Where the wayfaring stranger will find a home. But what says the old Hebrew and the Greek languages regarding the word Mason? In the old Hebrew it means a religious sect—the professed devotees of the Deity. The old Greek says that it signifies a peculiar family, or a particular race of people, set apart for the worship of the true God. And in the old French it has the same meaning as in the old Hebrew. Here, then, three different languages show what its meaning was in ancient times, and where can one find a better home than in keeping near to God? Masonry, then, is a religion, or a believing faith in God. In 1783 Captain George Smith, Inspector of the Royal Artillery Academy at Woolwich, and Prov. Grand Master of Masonry for the county of Kent, published a treatise on the 'Use and Abuse of Freemasonry.' In his chapter on the antiquity of Freemasonry, he makes it coeval with the creation. The learned Dr. Dodd, Grand Chaplain of Masonry, in his oration at the dedication of the Freemasons' Hall, London, traces Masonry through a variety of stages. Masons, he says, are well informed that the building of Solomon's temple is an era whence they derive many mysteries of their art. This event took place about a thousand years before the Christian era, consequently more than a century before Homer, the first of the Grecian poets. Remote, however, as this period is, we date not thence the commencement of the art; for though it might owe to the wise and glorious King of Israel some of its many mystic forms and ceremonies, yet certainly the art itself is coeval with man."

### INITIATION AMONG THE DRUSES AND FREEMASONRY.

(From the "Asiatic Quarterly Review.")

I HAVE a slight knowledge of the Khojahs, from the time of Hassan Sabbah, when he and Nizam-ul-Mulk and Omar Khayyam were students at Naishapur, down to the present Head of the sect.

The subject of Initiations has a great attraction to me,—and is one I believe that will be found of great importance in relation to many branches of Archæological inquiry as well as in relation to our modern Masonic system.—This has long been my idea, and I have wrought out one or two lines of ancient ideas on the matter, but much remains yet to be done. Our modern Masons, I find, have not realised the importance of this subject,—and my friend Mr. Gould, although he is about our highest authority on the modern History of Masonry, takes little or no interest in it.

It is generally assumed that the rites of Masonry are ancient, and are of Eastern origin, but how they came West, or how the Masons acquired them, no one at present can tell. There are all sorts of theories,—and among them is one that they were brought to Europe by the Crusaders. This is of course a possible theory,—for some things were brought to the West by these people. Still we have no certainty of this so far as Masonry is concerned. The Druses are said to have had initiation rites,—and if so, such rites were perhaps common among Esoteric Muhammedans. The Dervishes are said to have Masonic rites. Now any light on such rites, if they existed, would be valuable in relation to the general subject of initiatory rites, and also in relation to Masonic rites. These remarks will show you what is wanted, and if you find anything of this kind in the MS. of the "Kelam-i-pir" which you have received, or in "Esoteric Muhammedanism" I should like to hear about it.

A paper of mine was lately read before the Royal Institute of British Architects, "On the Classical Influence in the Architecture of the Indus Region and Afghanistan." I have given up the Greek origin, and think that some of the influence at least is Roman, and that some of the forms came through Palmyra. My paper is confined wholly to Architectural forms, not touching on the coins or sculpture.

WILLIAM SIMPSON.

## WOMEN WHO ARE FREEMASONS.

WHEN it was announced a few weeks ago that Mary E. Lease, the woman politician of Kansas, was a Freemason and in possession of the ritual, signs and passwords of the Craft, the statement was received with many expressions of incredulity from men in the Order and out of it. Some declared that if she knew the secrets of Masonry she had learned them by stealth or fraud, but the commonest assertion was that the claim was absurd—that women were ineligible to the Order, and that the idea that Mrs. Lease or any other woman had penetrated its circles was preposterous.

All talk of this sort is based upon a superficial and inadequate knowledge of the extent to which women, especially in Europe, have been identified with Masonic affairs. That the secrets of the ancient Order have not always been exclusively monopolised by men will be evident to anybody who cares to take even a casual glance at the history of the Craft.

Mme. Maria Deraismes, whose death has taken place at Paris, was renowned not only as one of the most successful leaders in the struggle for the emancipation of her sex, but likewise for her revival of female Lodges of the Masonic Craft. Several European and American newspapers described her as having been the first woman ever deliberately admitted into the mysteries of the Order, while others cited the well known instance of Lord Doneraile's daughter as being the only other instance of a lady having been initiated.

This is altogether wrong. For in the past century there were a large number of ladies of rank who were Freemasons, and at the present moment female Masonic Lodges abound in Spain, the principle feminine dignitary of the Craft being Princess Maria de Bourbon, daughter of the Infant Don Enerique, who was solemnly initiated by the El Taller Lodge of Salamanca.

It was in 1730 that we first heard of feminine Lodges being constituted in France, and although they may be said to have existed alongside of masculine Freemasonry rather than forming part and parcel of it, yet they were definitely recognised as belonging to the Craft by decree of the Grand Orient of France dated 10th April 1774. Feminine Masonry in those days was restricted almost exclusively to ladies of royal and noble rank. Thus we find the Duchess of Chartres as mistress of one Lodge and the Duchess of Bourbon of another, both of these Princesses being addressed as "Honorable and Worshipful" in the official communications despatched to them by the Grand Orient of France.

Marie Antoinette's friend, the lovely Princess de Lamballe, who was massacred during the Reign of Terror, and whose head was

carried on a pike through the streets of Paris, was the mistress of the Social Contract Lodge, and a short time before the overthrow of royalty served for a time as Grand Mistress of the Order.

In 1805 the Empress Josephine was present at a meeting of a duly constituted feminine Masonic Lodge at Strasburg, and again, in 1819, we hear of the celebrated Marquise de Vallette presiding at the Institution of a new Masonic Lodge. In short, feminine Masons abounded in France up to the year 1863, when the decree of Pope Pius IX., denouncing Freemasonry as incompatible with membership in the Church of Rome, caused the abandonment of Freemasonry by women and the practical, if not official, dissolution of their various Lodges throughout the country.

It was not until 1882 that any attempt was made to revive them. In January of that year Mme. Deraismes was solemnly initiated by the masculine Lodge "Les Libres Penseurs" (the Free Thinkers) at Lepecq, near Paris. The Grand Orient of France, however, declined to ratify the selection, and even went so far as to officially dissolve the Lodge that had been guilty of unauthorised revival of a practice which had become obsolete.

In no wise discouraged by this lack of good will on the part of the Grand Orient Mme. Deraismes took advantage of her initiation to found a Masonic Lodge of her own, and at the present moment there are some sixty or seventy members belonging thereto, one of the Past Grand Mistresses being Mme. Clemence Royer, wife of the former Cabinet Minister and statesman of that name.

All the ladies who belong to this Lodge, which bears the name of the Droit Humain, or Human Right, turned out in full force at the funeral of its founder, and laid on her coffin a large wreath and inscription. Of course the obsequies were of a purely Masonic and lay character, the Church being unrepresented at the grave, for Mme. Deraismes, like all her sister Masons of the present day in France, was a Freethinker and an enemy of the Catholic Church. She made a profession of these sentiments when she applied for recognition of her Lodge to the Grand Orient. "It is through woman that Catholicism has made its way into our social system," she declared, "and if it maintains its place there it is entirely through woman. You would therefore, O my Brethren, do well to initiate as many women as possible into the Craft if you wish to combat Catholicism on an equal ground."

It has become a noteworthy fact that when in 1863 the great ladies of France abandoned Masonry in deference to the injunction of the Church of Rome, the women of Spain, who are quite as religious, and perhaps even still more submissive to the Church, should have gone on maintaining Lodges and practising the Craft. —"New York Herald."

## NEXT WEEK.

## Monday, 23rd April.

- 4 Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons-hall
- 26 Castle of Harmony, Savoy Hotel
- 28 Old King's Arms, Freemasons-hall
- 1744 Royal Savoy, Criterion
- 2396 Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Hotel
- 43 St. Paul, Birmingham
- 48 Industry, Gateshead
- 102 Unanimity, North Walsham
- 270 Royal Faith and Friendship, Berkeley
- 302 Hope, Bradford
- 307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge
- 388 Prudence, Halesworth
- 1272 Tregenna, St. Ives
- 1325 Stanley, Liverpool
- 1447 St. Matthew, Barton-upon-Humber
- 1477 Sir Watkin, Mold
- 1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge
- 1564 St. John, Woking
- 1741 Montgomerie, Diss
- 1748 Castlemartin, Pembroke
- 1752 Ogmores, Bridgend
- 1861 Claremont, Croydon
- 1895 Thames, Henley
- 1977 Blackwater, Maldon
- 1991 Agricola, York
- 2068 Portsmouth Temperance, Landport
- 2257 Powell, Bristol
- 2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, Manchester
- 2373 Hardwick, Chesterfield

## Tuesday, 24th April.

- 92 Moira, Albion
- 141 Faith, Anderton's
- 145 Prudent Brethren, Freemasons-hall
- 186 Industry, Freemasons-hall
- 205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel
- 259 Prince of Wales, Hotel Metropole
- 1348 Ebury, Criterion
- 253 Tyrian, Derby
- 293 King's Friends, Nantwich
- 299 Emulation, Dartford
- 310 Union, Carlisle
- 357 Apollo University, Oxford
- 378 Loyal Welsh, Pembroke Dock
- 386 Unity, Wareham
- 1358 Torbay, Paignton
- 1390 Whitwell, Millom
- 1479 Halsey, St. Albans
- 1566 Ellington, Maidenhead
- 1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liverpool

- 1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton
- 1650 Rose of Raby, Staindrop
- 1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool
- 1678 Medway, Tonbridge
- 1726 Gordon, Bognor
- 1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield
- 1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport
- 1896 Audley, Newport, Salop
- 1942 Minerva, Fenton
- 1958 Hundred of Bosmere, Portsea
- 2025 St. George, Plymouth
- 2328 Albert Victor, York
- 2339 Mistley, Manningtree
- 2358 Mona, Castletown
- 2405 Ionic, St. Helens

## Wednesday, 25th April.

- 201 Jordan, Freemasons-hall
- 212 Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant
- 32 St. George of Harmony, Liverpool
- 76 Economy, Winchester
- 82 Foundation, Cheltenham
- 117 Salopian of Charity, Shrewsbury
- 163 Integrity, Manchester
- 220 Harmony, Garston
- 257 Phoenix, Portsmouth
- 290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield
- 304 Philanthropic, Leeds
- 1219 Strangeways, Manchester
- 1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge
- 1343 St. John, Grays
- 1403 West Lancashire, Ormskirk
- 1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb
- 1633 Avon, Manchester
- 1663 Hartismere, Eye
- 1714 Albert Edward, York Town, Surrey
- 1723 St. George, Bolton
- 1733 Sunbury, Sunbury
- 1734 Trinity, Rayleigh
- 1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool
- 1760 Leopold, Scarborough
- 1775 Leopold, Church, Nr. Accrington
- 1809 Fidelis, Guernsey
- 1868 Unity, Oldham
- 1920 Eurydice, Surbiton
- 1953 Prudence and Industry, Chard
- 1967 Beaconcourt, New Brompton
- 1989 Stirling, Cleator Moor
- 2019 Crook, Crook
- 2064 Smith Child, Tunstall
- 2149 Gordon, Hanley
- 2186 Striguil, Chepstow
- 2216 Egerton, Swinton
- 2259 St. Nicholas, Thorne
- 2320 St. Martin, Castletown

- 2357 Barry, Cadoxton
- 2385 Godson, Oldbury
- 2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames
- 2448 Bradstow, Broadstairs

## Thursday, 26th April.

- 66 Grenadiers, Freemasons-hall
- 99 Shakespeare, Albion
- 1563 City of Westminster, Café Royal
- 1974 St. Mary Abbott, Kensington
- 2319 Scots, Scottish Corporation Hall
- 39 St. John the Baptist, Exeter
- 51 Angel, Colchester
- 78 Imperial George, Middleton
- 111 Restoration, Darlington
- 129 Union, Kendal
- 132 Unity, Ringwood
- 202 Friendship, Devonport
- 214 Hope and Unity, Brentwood
- 215 Commerce, Haslingden
- 324 Moira, Stalybridge
- 346 United Brethren, Blackburn
- 348 St. John, Bolton
- 1313 Fermor, Southport
- 1322 Waverley, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 1345 Victoria, Eccles
- 1392 Egerton, Bury
- 1404 St. Vincent, Bristol
- 1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees
- 1437 Liberty of Havering, Romford
- 1501 Wycombe, High Wycombe
- 1505 Emulation, Liverpool
- 1514 Thornhill, Huddersfield
- 1519 Albert Edward, Clayton-le-Moors
- 1578 Merlin, Pontypridd
- 1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- 1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport
- 1817 St. Andrew, Shooburyness
- 1884 Chine, Shanklin
- 1957 Grove, Hazel Grove
- 1971 Army and Navy, Aldershot
- 2215 Anfield, Anfield
- 2263 St. Leonard, Sheffield
- 2269 Peace, Wigan
- 2335 Cycling and Athletic, Liverpool
- 2375 Hilbre, Hoylake
- 2387 Manchester Dramatic, Manchester
- 2418 Hedworth, S. Shields
- 2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool
- 2463 Bootle Wilbraham, West Derby
- 2474 Hatherton, Walsall

## Friday, 27th April.

- 1303 Pelham, Lewes
- 1385 Gladsmuir, Barnet

## REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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## METROPOLITAN.

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## ROYAL ATHELSTAN LODGE, No. 19.

At the Cannon Street Hotel, on Thursday, the 12th inst., Bro. John Henry Whadcoat W.M. presiding, there was a large attendance of members and visitors.

Mr. Thomas Edward Williams was initiated into Freemasonry, and the death of Bro. Betts of Sierra Leone was recorded with regret. The business being ended, the members and visitors adjourned to banquet.

The usual toasts were honoured, and most excellent music was provided.

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## UNITED STRENGTH LODGE, No. 228.

This Lodge held a Ladies' night on the 10th, at the Guildhall Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. G. R. Lambert W.M. The company, says the "City Press," numbered about seventy, and after an excellent banquet enjoyed the musical entertainment provided, which, in turn, was followed by a dance.

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## DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 860.

The annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of Bro. W. G. Poole, the Worshipful Master of the past year, who was well supported by Officers and others members of the Lodge, together with a considerable number of visitors.

The Lodge being regularly opened, the minutes of the last ordinary and also of an emergency meeting were confirmed; the sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on the list of Bro. Thomas Glass, the new Master, who will act as Steward at the next anniversary of that Institution; the Auditors' Report was submitted and adopted; two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, Mr. Herbert Humphreys and Mr. Charles Hillam, and they being regularly elected were afterwards initiated by the Master.

The next business was the Installation of Bro. Thomas Glass as Master for the ensuing year, and this duty was performed by the outgoing Master in a most exemplary manner.

The Officers were then appointed as follow: Bros. J. B. D'Ardenne S.W., G. Stockwin J.W., R. Burlton P.M. Treas., J. R. Baron Sec., C. H. Berry S.D., Walter Robinson J.D., T. S. Dickie I.G., M. Christian P.M. D.C., W. H. Purkiss A.D.C., T. B. Dodson P.M. and P. P. Smith Stewards, H. Delma Organist, J. Marsh Tyler.

The Installing Master next completed his duties with the customary addresses, and was warmly applauded on this termination of his year's work. Routine matters having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed and the company adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by Bro. Clemow and his assistants.

At the conclusion of the banquet the new Master submitted the customary toasts. In proposing that of the Grand Officers he spoke of Lord Lathom's proposed presidency of the next Festival on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which charity he deemed particularly fortunate in enlisting the support of one so high in Masonry. The Deputy Grand Master of England was also a zealous worker in this direction, his presidency at the Jubilee celebration of the Benevolent Institution having produced the largest total ever known at a Charity Festival. They had the pleasure of entertaining two Grand Officers that evening—Bro. Hogard and Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls, the former of whom responded to the toast.

The Immediate Past Master submitted the toast of the Worshipful Master. The Lodge had a very excellent Mason at its head for the coming year, one who might truly be described as a most desirable acquisition in the chair of a Lodge. He had already won honours for himself in Masonry during his occupancy of minor offices: would doubtless acquit himself satisfactorily in his new position; and would, it was hoped, be among them afterwards for many years as a Past Master. He considered the prospects of the Lodge under its new ruler were particularly bright—they had that day initiated two of the new Master's friends, and four others were ready for proposition at the next meeting, with many more to follow on. This, and the well-known energy of the Master led them to expect a successful year.

The Master replied. He did so with gratitude, humility and pride—gratitude because he was now able to preside in the Lodge whereas four weeks ago he was prostrated on a bed of sickness; humility, because he knew of his shortcomings—through ill health and from other causes he was unable to do all he wished and knew was desirable; and pride, pardonable pride he thought, that he had been placed in his present post by the unanimous vote of the members of the Lodge. It would be his desire to maintain the decorum of the Lodge and advance its dignity, and in these efforts he hoped to be generally supported. He found himself in an excellent position as regarded the Lodge finances; thanks to the efforts of his immediate predecessors he was in a better position than any Master of the past ten years. He trusted he might so manage the affairs of the Lodge as to be enabled to hand it over to his successor with even greater evidences of success. He did not intend to introduce any innovations during his year of office, but hoped to arrange for the usual Dalhousie summer outing and soiree, of which the members would hear more later in the year.

The Master proposed the toast of the Initiates, who he was pleased to welcome as Brethren of the Lodge, and the two new members responded.

Then followed the toast of the Immediate Past Master, who was warmly complimented by the W.M. on his work of the year, and was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel as a present from the Lodge, together with a second jewel from some of his more intimate friends in the Lodge who desired to mark their appreciation of his work. The latter jewel bore the following inscription:—

Presented to  
Bro. W. J. POOLE,  
P.M. Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860,  
by a few intimate friends, Brethren of the Lodge,  
on his retiring from Office,  
12th April 1894.

Bro. Poole tendered his sincere thanks for the very kind way in which the toast had been received, also for the jewel that had been presented him from the Lodge, but above all for the supplementary jewel he had received from his more intimate friends among the members. Everything tended to prove that his efforts had been appreciated. He had striven to study the happiness and comfort of the Brethren during the past year, and hoped they had really enjoyed themselves. He had to thank all the members for their support, but particularly the Past Masters of the Lodge for the kindly assistance they had given during the year. Speaking for the first time as a Past Master, and with the interests of the Lodge at heart, he asked the Brethren to cease relying on the Past Masters of their Lodge—they would find it far better to personally qualify for any position they might be called upon to occupy.

The Worshipful Master now desired to make a departure from the programme of the day, the object being to draw attention to the recent completion, by Bro. Dodson, of twenty-one years membership of the Lodge. As father of the Dalhousie Lodge Bro. Dodson was widely known and appreciated, but to the members of the Lodge something more than expressions of approval seemed desirable in association with their esteemed Brother's majority. It was not many Brethren who could boast of twenty-one year's membership of their Mother Lodge, far fewer who could refer to such a record as Bro. Dodson's. He had only missed two of the meetings during the whole of his membership, and had seen every new member initiated in the Lodge since his own reception. But his merits did not cease there. The fatherless, the widow and the distressed who appealed to the Lodge had in him a most zealous champion, and a sure means of assistance if they were worthy of it, for it was his rule to second any expressions of sympathy by making an immediate collection on behalf of those they sympathised with. Recognising all this the Brethren had desired to offer some tangible mark of their appreciation of Bro. Dodson on the completion of his twenty-first year of membership, and as a result he had the pleasure of handing a gold watch to Bro. Dodson, the inscription on which fully explained the purpose for which it was intended. The inscription was as follows:

Presented to  
THOMAS BLOSSOM DODSON,  
P.M. of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860,  
by the Brethren of the Lodge upon his completing  
Twenty-one Years  
as a member thereof, and as a mark of  
their great esteem and regard,  
8th March 1894.

Bro. Wade, at the request of the Master, supplemented his remarks, but felt there was little to say after what had been uttered from the chair, and in face of the popularity of the Brother who was the recipient of their testimonial that night. Bro. Dodson's many years of service in the Lodge, as spoken of by the Master, was not all. If the Lodge had a Ball or a Summer Outing he it was who took the lead, and virtually secured the enjoyment of the whole of the company; but he perhaps appeared to the greatest advantage as the champion of the aged and the distressed, on whose behalf he was a zealous pleader.

Bro. Dodson tendered his thanks. It was true he had been absent but twice from the meetings of the Lodge during his twenty-one years membership, and he hoped to be able to do as well in the future. He had striven hard in the Lodge in his earlier days, working through the different Offices, and was rewarded by being placed in the chair after seven years membership. He had installed many of the Masters of the Lodge, and was even yet not too old to do so again, if occasion required. Neither did he consider himself too old to take any of the minor offices of the Lodge whenever he might be called upon. He heartily thanked them for the handsome watch they had been pleased to give him, and hoped it might be his good fortune to wear it for many years as a memento of his association with the Lodge.

The toast of the Charities was acknowledged by Bro. McLeod in a forcible speech, and then that of the Visitors was proposed from the chair, and acknowledged by several of the guests. Other toasts having been honoured, the proceedings were concluded in the customary manner.

Bro. Thomas Glass, the new Master, was initiated in the Dalhousie Lodge, on 12th March 1885; was raised in the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1003, Jersey, on 3rd June 1885, and exalted in the Dalhousie Chapter, 10th June 1886. He was honoured in being appointed to Provincial Office by Col. C. E. Malet de Carteret the Provincial Grand Master of Jersey, and was duly invested in the Provincial Grand Lodge held in that Island on 22nd October 1891. Bro. Glass is a Vice-President of all the Masonic Charities, and is particularly popular amongst the Masons of the North of London, he having on three occasions acted as Honorary Treasurer, under the Presidency of Bro. Herbert Sprake W.M. Highbury Lodge, No. 2192, for the annual North London Masonic Benevolent Ball; when as the result of the efforts of the Committee nearly £300 has been subscribed to the three Institutions.

## HIGHBURY LODGE, No. 2192.

UNDER prospering auspices and the hearty well-wishing of very many distinguished Brethren, says the "Weekly News," Bro. Herbert Sprake was, on the 30th ult., installed at the Railway Hotel, Highbury Station, N. The event was one that had evoked keen pleasures of anticipation, due to the recognised geniality of the new Master, his well-known desire for perfection of ritual, and also for the perfection of installation that would come from so distinguished an Immediate Past Master as Bro. James Terry P.G.S.B., Secretary of the R.M.B. Institution. However high expectations might have been formed, they were fully justified in the results, as all the important and interesting ceremonies included in the installation were faultlessly carried through.

The minutes of the previous meeting being confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. H. J. Clarke (1929) was, upon the proposition of Bro. C. F. Hogard P.M. and Sec., and Bro. T. Hastings Miller P.G.S.B. P.M., elected a Joining Member. Bro. Noble was impressively conducted through the third degree by the W.M. with full ceremonies, and next in order came the Installation of Bro. Herbert Sprake.

After the appointment of Officers, and the addresses, the W.M., in the name of the Lodge, presented Bro. James Terry with a Past Master's jewel, remarking that he felt sure that the recipient would prize it as a token of their kind remembrances that would always continue.

Bro. Terry assured the Brethren that the jewel just received at the hands of their Worshipful Master, though one of many received during his thirty-four years' Masonic career, would be regarded by him with quite as much favour as any he had formerly received. He did not want it as a binding link, their fraternal friendship provided that, but this he would assure them that whenever opportunity occurred he would gladly be with them.

The other Masonic business having been completed, the Lodge was closed.

The new Master presided at the banquet, and at its conclusion gave the usual Loyal toasts. Bro. C. F. Hogard responded for the Grand Officers.

Bro. Terry proposed the health of the Master, who, in response said he was very glad to receive from Bro. Terry the welcome words he gave; he would not pretend to say that he was indifferent to them, and though perhaps some were too kind, he would try to deserve what had been said. He was not overburdened with diffidence, and had an ambition that he would rather follow such a perfect Master as Bro. Terry, than one less familiar with the ritual, and consequently they would excuse him for feeling proud. All that he desired to do he would try to do, and make his term of office one fully acceptable to them.

The Master then gave the Masonic Charities, appealing for them as strongly as possible. They had only to look at their Institution at Croydon, the one at Wood Green, and the other one at Battersea; each of these appealed to the sympathies of all to help when the call came, so as to support those who claimed from them the help that all so much prized.

Bro. Terry acknowledged the heartiness of the response, and trusted that the responses would always be as hearty when, as their Master had said, the call came. The Institutions had each in the past done good and noble work, and it depended upon Masonic strength and unity to maintain this usefulness. All the Masonic world had reason to be proud of their Institutions. With some other practical remarks, Bro. Terry concluded his address amid much applause.

The Installing Master and other Past Officers was given and responded to, and for the joint toasts, the Treasurer and Secretary and other Officers of the Lodge, Bros. Hogard and Cope replied.

The Visitors' list was a very full one, but the Master was quite equal to the occasion, and taking up the book, gave the names, with friendly appreciative comments upon each one. To this toast replies were in turn given by Bros. J. Storey, C. Dearing, Dr. Colmer, J. M. Chute, T. J. Cusworth, Hon. D. Naoroji, M.P., G. S. Elliott, L.C.C., and the Hon. M. Mainwaring, each of whom gave very interesting addresses.

The musical arrangements, which were in the capable charge of Bro. Alfred Moore, were of very high order, indeed the festival was a great success throughout.

## PROVINCIAL.

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## PROBITY LODGE, No. 61.

THE monthly meeting of this, the oldest Lodge in the Province of West Yorkshire, was held on Monday, 16th inst. Brother Emmot occupied the chair, and was supported by the following Brethren:—Riley Patchett I.P.M., J. W. Balme P.M. P.P.G.D., J. Scratcherd, J.P., P.M. P.P.G.D., J. Cash P.M. P.P.G.D., W. Gaukroger P.P.G.D., W. Buckley P.M. as S.W., Dobson J.W., Smith Secretary, R. Kerr S.D., J. Davies J.D., Chas. Duff I.G., Rev. Endercote, M.A., Chaplain, R. Singleton, Crossley, White, J. H. Murgatroyd, C. Murgatroyd, Dobson and Claude Eugene Estabrook, M.A., M.D., D.M.D. (Harvard); Visitors:—Bros. J. T. Last W.M. Acacia Lodge, Bradford, and Dr. Chas F. Forshaw, LL.D., 295 and 2417 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE).

The Lodge was opened in the first and second degrees by the W.M., and the test questions put to Bro. Dr. Estabrook, and these having been answered to the satisfaction of the Brethren he retired for preparation.

Bro. Scratcherd then took the chair and in a most able manner raised the candidate to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, explaining the tracing board in an efficient way.

After hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed in due form and the Brethren retired from Labour to Refreshment.

## LODGE OF FREEDOM, No. 77.

THE year of office of the present Worshipful Master, Bro. George Rackstraw, will prove a memorable one in the history of this ancient Lodge. Soon after his installation the Member of Parliament for the Borough, Bro. Dampier Palmer, was initiated, and last Monday a large number of Brethren assembled at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, to witness the introduction of Mr. E. Casper Paine, the Mayor for the present year, into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Bro. Rackstraw presided, and was supported by his Officers and the following:—J. M. Longley P.M. 299 P.J.G.W. Kent, E. Coste P.M. 1814 P.P.G.R. Kent, W. Russell Prov. G.T. Kent, Geo. R. Coblam G.S. of W. Essex, W. J. Light P.M. 299 P.P.G.S. of W., J. C. Biggs P.P.G.D.C., D. Bartlett P.M. 1343, J. P. White P.M. 2277, Geo. Newman P.M. 47, C. Thomas P.M. 151, C. Lane 2404, Fred Mitchell 483, Chas. C. Stephen 174, J. Montgomery I.P.M. 2444, Thos. Pallister 2421, Orilton Cooper P.M. 211, Thos. Deane P.M., F. Hitchens P.M., R. J. Beamish P.M., A. Carter P.M., Joseph Solomon P.M., F. Feece P.M.

The Lodge having been regularly opened and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. William F. Goreham, who was accepted as a Joining Member. Bro. Robert Matthews, initiated at the last meeting, was passed to the second degree. In addition to the Mayor, there were two other candidates viz., Mr. Samuel Robert Macartney, a son-in-law of his Worship, and Mr. Evan Davies. It is many years since three candidates (humorously referred to as "triplets") have been initiated in this Lodge at the same time, so this is another notable fact during Bro. Rackstraw's year of office. Both ceremonies were admirably rendered by the W.M. though it is to be regretted that time did not permit of the Ancient Charge being given. In our opinion the Charge should never be omitted, especially as it is referred to in the succeeding ceremony.

This Lodge has long been known for its benevolence, but it is somewhat exceptional for a private Lodge to vote so large a sum as £50 to enable a member to tide over financial difficulties. The sum of three guineas was also voted to the testimonial now being raised for Bro. Alfred Spencer Grand Secretary Kent. Another candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and the business of the evening being ended the Lodge was duly closed.

The Brethren then adjourned to the banquet room, where dinner was served in the usual manner by Bro. John Simpson.

The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured; Bros. J. M. Longley, William Russell and E. Coste responding for the Prov. Grand Officers.

In responding for "The Initiates," Bro. E. C. Paine said that he was very proud to have been introduced into the mysteries of Freemasonry, but he thought from what he had heard that evening he must have been a Mason for many years without knowing it. It would always be his duty and pleasure to assist the distressed, and he might mention that his father and grandfather were Masons. He was also thankful for the compliment paid him as Mayor, and he would always do his best for the good old town which had done so much for him. He trusted he would be proved a good Mason and a good Mayor, and considered that whoever did his best was entitled to the respect of the citizens. Cheers greeted this modest speech, which, owing to the lateness of the hour, was necessarily brief; and Bro. Rackstraw having thanked the Visitors for their attendance, and the Officers for their assistance the meeting adjourned.

During the evening a telegram was received from Bro. Dampier Palmer, the Borough member, regretting that his parliamentary duties prevented him being present, but cordially congratulating Bro. Paine upon his admission into the Craft.

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## LODGE OF INTEGRITY, No. 163.

THE regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., the following being present:—Bros. J. M. H. Blamey W.M., T. H. Scholfield I.P.M., J. Wildgoose P.M. P.P.J.G.D., H. H. Warburton P.M. P.P.S.G.D., John Studd P.M. P.P.G.D.C., John E. Williams P.M., R. Alfred Hepworth S.W., S. Gaskell J.W., J. M. Sinclair P.M. P.P.J.G.D. Treas., J. Clemmey Sec., H. A. Owles S.D., Fred Walmsley J.D., J. Allen I.G., J. G. Mead, J. Grime, A. B. Scholfield, J. B. Hossell, R. Race, Wm. Pearson, T. B. Bolton, F. Nield, H. R. Yates, C. Cookson, Samuel Edwards, J. E. Buzzard, Isaac Taylor, A. Dunn, C. Slee, R. L. McMillan, Arthur Nield, James Mitchell, J. H. Studd, Edwd. Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). Visitors:—Bros. Wm. Mosley S.W. 1773, J. W. Shaw P.M. 1077, A. Moore 993, A. Dawson 2231, Geo. Gilpin 724.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. Philip A. Diehl, Wine Merchant, Mayence-on-Rhine, and this being successful he was afterwards initiated by Bro. Blamey W.M., who was assisted by Bros. Scholfield I.P.M., and Gaskell J.W., the former presenting and explaining the working tools, and the latter rendering the ancient charge.

Following this were the ceremonies of passing to the degree of F.C. of Bros. Robert Race and Thomas Boardman Bolton, the first being performed by the W.M., and the second by Bro. Warburton.

The usual festive board followed, when Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted, the intervals being relieved by songs, &c., from various Brethren.

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## WILBERFORCE LODGE, No. 2134.

AT the Masonic Hall, St. Luke's Street, Hull, the ninth W.M. was added to the roll on the 10th inst. The ceremony was performed by Bros. T. Heaton Haller I.P.M. and T. B. Redfern P.M. P.G.S. Sec., who duly installed Bro. J. T. Belt.

The Wilberforce Lodge no longer holds the unique position it has held since 1886 (when it was consecrated) as the "infant"

Lodge of the town, as during the past year the "Humber Installed Masters' Lodge" has been added to the roll of the Grand Lodge.

At the installation banquet, says the "Eastern Morning News," after the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, Bro. M. C. Peck proposed the toast of the evening, the newly-installed W.M. and Officers.

The W.M. in responding said that he was much touched with the reception he had just witnessed. The good resolutions the previous speaker had referred to, he was determined to carry out, and to uphold the dignity and prestige of the Wilberforce, both within and without the Lodge. He had every confidence in his Officers, and the ready support he should receive from them, without which no Master could possibly hope for success. He considered it a great honour to be elected to the chair of K.S., and there should be nothing wanting on his part to carry out the duties assiduously and to the best of his ability.

During the evening Bro. A. Spring (the Past Junior Warden), in a neat speech, eulogised the efficient services of the Immediate Past Master, and on behalf of the Brethren presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. T. Heaton Haller, who very feelingly acknowledged the unexpected gift.

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#### CENTURION LODGE, No. 2322.

THE regular meeting was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, Bro. Capt. D. P. Schloss W.M. There were present:—Bros. Major John Heap I.P.M., Capt. Fred Pratt S.W., Surg.-Capt. A. H. Smith J.W., Rev. John Challener Chap., Col. J. Howarth Clark, J.P., P.P.G.S.D. Treas., Capt. Geo. Kershaw Secy., Capt. T. W. Ashworth S.D., Major W. W. Hopkins D.C., Surg. J. J. Kent Fairclough, M.D., I.G., Col. John Eaton P.P.G.Supt. of Wks. Prov. Grand Treasurer (E.L.), Capt. Jas. Andrews, Surg.-Maj. W. O. Wolsey, Capt. Quartermaster A. B. Wilkinson P.M., Major J. Peacock, Col. Hy. J. Robinson Prov. Gr. Reg. (E.L.) D.C., Ed. Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). Visitor:—Bro. W. Tunnicliffe, Marquis of Lorne, 1354.

The minutes of the regular meeting held 5th February having been read and confirmed, the Lodge was advanced, and duly closed in peace and harmony at an early hour.

The usual festive board followed, when Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and responded to, a very pleasant evening being spent.

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#### DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

THE regular meeting was held at the Palatine Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, the 12th inst., Bro. William Boden P.M. Wor. Master. There were also present:—Bros. Wm. T. Schofield P.M. 219 P.P.G.D. I.P.M., Fred Warburton S.W., Thos. T. Hardicker J.W., Jas. Andrew P.M. Prov. S.G.D. Treas., Clement Jno. Hall Secy., Robt. Meggitt S.D., John Kinsey J.D., Geo. A. Bowden I.G., S. Mamelok P.M., T. H. Stott S.S., Oates Rushton D.C., Arthur Scarlett Org., B. Hopkinson P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), J. H. Maybury, H. B. Rudolph, J. B. Marshall, T. H. Wooler, H. Eastwood, J. T. Whittle. Visitors:—Bros. C. Stanley Dodd 1180 (Warwickshire), Albert Wolstenholme P.M. 266 P.P.G.D.

After the confirmation of minutes, Bros. Henry B. Rudolph and Harry Eastwood were passed by Bro. Boden W.M. The working tools were presented and explained by Bro. Warburton S.W. in a very careful and painstaking manner; indeed the ceremonies throughout were so ably performed as to receive, at the festive board, the highest commendations from candidates and visitors alike.

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#### COLNE LODGE, No. 2477.

THE first session of this recently established Lodge, held at Wyvenhoe, near Colchester, was concluded on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when upwards of fifty members were present at the regular meeting. Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green W.M. occupied the chair, and during the proceedings presented to the Lodge, on behalf of his wife, a very handsome Lodge Banner, beautifully worked on a light blue groundwork of silk, the subjects being a yacht in full sail, a Raven (representing the "Port Reeve" of Colchester), and the arms quartered of the Egerton and Green families. Underneath in a scroll is the legend:—

"Presented by Helen,  
wife of Claude E. Egerton-Green, first Master.

The presentation was received with loud and long continued applause, and a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Egerton-Green was, on the motion of Bro. Harold Francis D.C., seconded by Bro. Gustavus Pratt S.W., carried by acclamation and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Pratt was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, Bro. Col. Tyssen Holroyd was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Arthur Wright Tyler. The business of the evening included six raisings. Although the Lodge has been consecrated but six months it numbers seventy members.

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#### ROYAL ARCH.

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#### RECTITUDE CHAPTER, No. 581.

THE duties of this Chapter were performed on Thursday, the 5th inst., for the first time in its new quarters at the Clarence Hotel, Manchester. There were present:—Companions William

Kay P.Z. M.E.Z., John Greenup P.Z. H., J. Hayes J., Robt. Rudman E., N. Goodman N., T. C. Lilley Treas., W. J. Melling P.Z., Joseph T. Richardson P.Z. P.P.G. Asst. Soj., Julius Arensberg P.Z. P.P.G.S. G. H. Barnes, William Restron, and others. Visitors:—Comps. Buckley Carr P.Z. 933 P.G.D.C., Martin Middleton 361 P.G.O. (Cheshire), J. R. Sowter P.Z. P.P.G. 1st A. Soj., Oscar Katz 1436.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been confirmed, Comps. John Matthews Frost and John Corbett Brown were successfully balloted for as re-joining members. The names of Bro. John Charles Wilson P.M., Lodge 336, and Henry Brotherton Brown, Lodge 581, were afterwards submitted to the ballot, and being successful, they were prepared and duly exalted by Comp. Kay M.E.Z., Comp. Lilley acting as 1st Soj. The work was performed in an efficient manner, and reflected great credit upon those who took part in it.

A substantial dinner followed, which was served in the refectory under the personal supervision of Bro. Carl Braun, the host. At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were proposed and responded to.

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#### TORBAY CHAPTER, No. 1358.

THE annual convocation was held at the Masonic Hall, Paignton, on the 29th ult., when the Principals for the ensuing year were installed. Comp. A. T. Blamey P.Z. 328 Torquay P.P.G. Soj. performed the ceremony in his usual able and impressive manner. Comp. R. L. Mugford was installed as Z., C. Emmett as H., and R. Light as J.

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#### CONSTANTINE LODGE, No. 145.

THE installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., when Bro. John J. C. Turner S.W. was installed by his predecessor in office, Bro. H. J. Skingley P.P.G.I. of Works. The Officers for the year were invested.

A special vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Master; and it was announced that Lord Henniker the Provincial Grand Master had signified his intention to hold his annual Grand Lodge at Colchester on Monday, 25th June. Among those present were his Worship the Mayor of Ipswich (Bro. S. R. Anness) and Bro. Colonel Bircham, late of 60th Rifles, formerly stationed at Colchester.

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#### WILLIAM DE IRWIN LODGE, No. 162.

THE annual installation of Master was performed by Bro. R. C. Else on the 28th ult., at Yeovil, when Bro. Arthur Hart, of Crewkerne, was placed in the chair.

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#### BENEVOLENT LODGE, No. 316.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Teignmouth. The retiring W.M., Bro. E. Andrews P.P.G.A.S. presided. Bro. J. U. Valentine was installed by Bro. Herbert Martin P.P.G.R.

#### COVENT GARDEN FANCY DRESS BALL.

THE sixth and last of the series of Fancy Dress Balls organised by Sir Augustus Harris took place on Wednesday night, and brought those pleasant reunions to a successful and prosperous termination. The thanks of all amusement seekers are certainly due to the genial manager for recuscitating these very agreeable meetings, which although common enough on the continent had dropped out for some years in the metropolis, previous to Sir Augustus taking them in hand. From a commercial point of view also these gatherings are to be commended since they afford employment to thousands of people, and money is kept in circulation. Individual talent is brought out in designing pretty and eccentric costumes for the valuable prizes offered, and this talent was highly distinguishable on Wednesday. The first prize for ladies was taken by an exceedingly graceful dress as "Buttercups," and a handsome "Mephistopheles" in a brilliant green donned by a well-known Brother succeeded in carrying off the first prize for gentlemen's dress. An extraordinary arrangement entitled "Shavings, or a Carpenter's Shop," the face of the wearer being made up like a block of wood, also secured a reward. A popular music hall artiste was awarded a second prize for a glittering "Iceberg," which had a pretty effect by its snowy whiteness among the crowd of colours. Among the mere noticeable of the eccentric costumes were a Cockatoo, a Pair of Gloves, a Bull Dog, a French Match Box, a Japanese Fan; while a Milk Maid, Fiji Officers, and a lady half Bride and half Widow also deserve mention. A Lady Teazle in a gorgeous dress of yellow satin and powdered wig commanded much attention, and Madlle. Nini Patte en l'Air greatly distinguished herself in some quadrilles. As round and round the dancers went to the enlivening strains of Mr. J. M. Glover's splendid orchestra, the lime light was shed over them from the roof, and presented a beautiful spectacle. Sir Augustus Harris was unavoidably absent in Paris attending the production of Signor Verdi's opera "Falstaff," which will doubtless soon be seen in London, but he was admirably represented by Mr. Collins, whose courtesy and tact tended greatly to promote the comfort of the visitors. So another season comes to an end, but it may fairly be predicted that next year's fancy dress balls will be eagerly anticipated, and possibly more fully attended.