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Obituary.

BROTHER FRANCIS CREW,  
P.G. Steward, P.M. No. 1, &c.

Time—inexorable in its determination, however long postponed—has this week terminated the existence of the above well-known member of our Order, at the ripe age of 86. Initiated in the Perpetual Friendship Lodge, 157 (now 135), Bridgewater, on 5th February, 1821, Bro. Crew joined the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, on 21st April, 1821. Having passed the chair in this lodge, Bro. Crew subsequently officiated as Secretary, and held that position to the close of his active career. This, it may be remembered, occurred in 1861, in which year illness compelled him to resign the Secretaryship of the "Royal Freemasons' School for Female Children," which he had held for 20 years, from 29th July, 1841. It was in this position Brother Crew became more extensively known, and his services in connection with that valuable Institution can never be forgotten. They are tangibly and prominently preserved and commemorated in a full-length portrait placed in the dining-hall of the Institution, painted by subscriptions from members of the various committees, his friends and admirers, by whom his services were best known and appreciated.

Few men possessed the power as did Bro. Crew to form, perfect, and maintain friendships. His genial humour, happy disposition, generosity both of heart and hand, eminently fitted him for social life, and when to the numerous good qualities by which he was distinguished were added a persuasive eloquence, and vocal powers characterised by so exquisite a charm as to distance all competitors, it can easily be understood how readily he drew towards himself the warm attachment of those amongst whom his lot was cast. This was never forfeited, even when struck down by paralysis, and by consequent loss of speech, debarred from the pleasure of conversational intercourse, as old friends have during the last eight years

been constant in their visits, delighted to find that consciousness, the powers of recognition, and the intellect, remained unclouded, and as powerful as in the days when the flashes of wit "would set the table in a roar," or when the melodious notes would move to tears by strains of pathos, or excite to delight by the winning graces of a voice that never failed to please.

Bro. Crew married late in life, and it is not too much to say that his last years were cheered, if not absolutely prolonged, by a care and devotion such as has rarely been exhibited even by woman, and which deserves and demands the warmest acknowledgment of all by whom our departed friend was revered and respected in life as by them he is regretted in death. Bro. Crew died at his residence, in Burton-crescent, on Tuesday, 3rd inst., and will be interred in Highgate Cemetery at noon on Saturday next.

This hasty and imperfect tribute is penned by one who enjoyed Bro. Crew's friendship for some years, and who had ample opportunities of testifying to his goodness. There are, doubtless, many others who possessed these advantages to a much greater extent, and to whom it must be left to supply particulars with which he is not acquainted, but by none can his memory be more fondly cherished, or held in greener recollection.

Bro. Crew was a member of the Nine Muses Lodge, No. 235, and the St. James' R.A. Chapter, No. 2.

BRO. CHARLES STUART LAW.

(Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Grand Lodge of Scotland.)

It is with a feeling of sadness that we record the death of Bro. Charles Stuart Law, Master Mason No. 1, and Past Master of St. Andrew's Lodge, Edinburgh, No. 48, Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and First Principal Chapter No. 2, Member of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, a Member of the Royal Order of Scotland, and a Member of the Religious and Military Order of Knights Templar. He died at Edinburgh on the 13th April, 1870, at the early age of 36. His death, so unexpected, in the very prime of life, will be regarded with much regret by Freemasons throughout all parts of the world, but particularly in Scotland, where he was best known. He was highly esteemed among his Masonic brethren on account of his high attainments in Freemasonry. He was a son of the First Grand Jeweller to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and the Religious and Military Order of the Temple, and was himself at the proper age initiated as a Mason. The working of a lodge under his Mastership was admirable to all who witnessed it; the solemnity of the initiation of candidates and the manner in which the whole ceremonial was conducted were deeply impressive, and were calculated to give the newly-initiated a most favourable view of the entire system of our Order. In his Masonic zenith, about four years ago, his working of the Mark degree was such as has seldom been equalled. The working of the Senior Warden in the Royal Order of Scotland was such as is not likely again to be witnessed, and certainly can never be surpassed. Some years ago, Bro. Charles Stuart Law was a candidate for the office of Grand Jeweller to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and was unsuccessful only by a few votes.

He has gone home, we trust, to the land of peace—where those who obey the great teachings of Freemasonry, "to love and obey the laws of God with their whole heart," are sure to dwell. He has left many to mourn his early departure from this world. A few faithful brethren attended his funeral, and he now lies interred in the Western Cemetery, Edinburgh.

"I HAD been laid up several days, suffering severely from diarrhoea, accompanied with intense pain, when a fellow-traveller recommended to me so strongly Perry Davis's Vegetable Pain Killer that I tried it, and got almost instant relief, and I can do no better than recommend it as strongly to others.—HENRY J. NOONE, (Clement & Co.), Burton-on-Trent, Nov. 14, 1868.—To P. Davis & Son.

RED CROSS ORDER.

I trust that Bro. R. W. L. and Bro. Hughan will permit me to reply to their communications in one article, and to commence by thanking them for their friendly expressions of good-will. I hope the former, when he tells me that I "cover a vast extent of ground," will not forget that I have occupied the space with questions to which, in communications of greater space, he does *not* reply; and I trust that the latter does not include me amongst those who, speaking of the Masonic Red Cross Order, are "rushing against the facts of its history," or offering to its votaries "any amount of petty opposition." My sole object is to know *what* are the evidences which are stated to be possessed by a Masonic Order, which has now made very extraordinary historic claims. I will first refer to points in R. W. L.'s communication at p. 193.

1. I enquired if it could be shown that this Masonic Order had been allied with the Constantinian name *more* than a few years? Surely this could not be mistaken? Is it *more* than a few years since the French publication in 1838? And now that R. W. L. discovers that my view of "more than a few years," means rather more than thirty-two, why has he not advanced some of the evidence which Bro. Hughan told us was in the hands of the chosen few, and of which he now says, "time will make mention"? I should prefer its being mentioned at once.

2. I do not know that the Scottish Templar question is material to the broad claims now asserted; but I must say that I have perused the correspondence of one of the most distinguished Masons amongst those whose names adorn the Scottish Roll, and can testify that he said he assisted in the organization of the first Encampment, and that his own diploma was dated in 1800. I was, perhaps, hasty in giving this as the year of the actual appearance of the Masonic Order of the Temple in Scotland. We have the distinct testimony of Morison that it was *first* introduced in 1798, so that R. W. L.'s grandfather may have been a Templar in 1799.

3. I fail to see the inference in favour of the antiquity of the Red Cross degree from its being countenanced by a Chapter-general of such a venerable date as 1811.

4. Bro. R. W. L.'s word is quite sufficient that the Ritual he possesses is in the hand-writing of the well-known Mason, Bro. W. Rodwell Wright; but how does this fact prove the antiquity of the Order, or help its claim to be "the only legitimate," &c.? Bro. Wright had possibly, or even probably, compiled this Ritual himself, from a Ritual of the old Masonic Red Cross Order which was *not* called "Constantine"; and this is the document, written probably within two years of 1811, which R. W. L. refers to when he says, "we now quote the words of an old Ritual." This is "very ancient and fish-like," indeed!

5. I am happy to explain the error I made when I said that King Victor Emmanuel was the head of the ancient public Constantinian Order. In making that statement I was misled by, or mistook, one of our principal authorities on the subject; but a few weeks afterwards, and after your contemporary had closed the then discussion, I was informed by a very competent friend that the present Italian Government had in no way adopted the Chivalric Orders of its predecessor, and that they consequently still belonged only to their former claimants. This information is now fully corroborated by the letter from the Italian Legation, which Bro. Yarker has published in your contemporary of the 23rd inst. (p. 329); in which it clearly appears that the Italian Minister supposed he had received an application from a "Masonic lodge which is entitled the Red Cross of Constantine." It appears obvious that he thought he was required to say if there would be any objection made to this assumption; and he accordingly says, "that the Italian Government *not having recognised* the Constantinian Orders of Naples and Parma, they have not on his part to fear any objection that the members of the above-named lodge should use the orders in

question in any manner they might think fit." Clearly, if the present King had *not recognised* the Order, he could by no possibility have anything to say even as to the assumption of the decorations, to say nothing of the mere name (as was evidently supposed). If he *had* adopted the Order, or if he had been asked to countenance the conferring of the decorations, I think we may suppose that a different reply would have been given.

6. I decline altogether, at present, to enter upon any other claims than those of the Masonic Order. Let us first see these great pretensions established or not. I may, however, say that I do not quite see how Bro. Wright's being Consul-General for the Ionians would give him any immediate knowledge of comparatively private occurrences in Scio; still, if he was now living to give immediate evidence of pertinent facts, I should consider his testimony valuable. This, however, we cannot have, and it is useless to speculate upon what he knew, or did not know.

In regard to Bro. Hughan's communication, I will say that if I required anything to corroborate my first impression, that he had written without his usual deliberation upon his facts, I should have that confirmation in his article at p. 194, where, in his analysis of his own statements, and of my reply, he fully justifies my belief in his usual accuracy, and in the plain truth of his general deductions, by agreeing almost entirely with what I had written. Indeed, he put his questions so much more forcibly than I could do, that I may be excused if I reproduce them with slight variation:—

Are there any documents preserved dating at the "Union," or before then, that connect this "Red Cross" with the *Constantinian* name?

What is the *evidence* at present only in the hands of a few?

*Emphatically*, we want to know what connection this Red Cross Order has, or even, had with anything excepting Freemasonry?

I have no desire to occupy your space, and tire your readers, but it must be obvious to all that no reply to my questions has been given, nor a particle of proof offered; not a word appears about the documents in the box, not a tittle even about the *Constantinian* name, nor the remotest syllable in reference to the Order of the Holy Sepulchre beyond the very explanatory statement that it "flourished."

If Bro. R. W. L. can give us any evidences in support of these claims to be *the only legitimate*, &c., let us have them, and they will I have no doubt receive honourable fair play; if he cannot do so, I hope he will tell us that they are not forthcoming, that the Order cannot claim to be the historic and public *Constantinian* institution, and that it must rely upon its Masonic acceptance only. Surely one of these alternatives can be easily adopted, unless R. W. L. considers we have no right to ask for the proof of such a statement as that he has made; I shall be glad to find that he will do one or the other, and thus permit your friends to receive the fraternal *adieu* of

LUPUS.

#### COPIES OF ADDRESSES.

The following addresses have been sent to us for publication:—

ROYAL UNION LODGE, UXBRIDGE, No. 382.

*Special Resolution of the Lodge.*

At a meeting of the Royal-Union Lodge, No. 382, Uxbridge, on Monday, the 21st of March, 1870, it was *proposed* by Bro. Chas. Horsley, P.M., and *seconded* by Bro. Wm. Coombs, P.M., and *resolved unanimously*,

"That this Lodge has heard with the greatest satisfaction, of the appointment, by the M.W. Grand Master, of Colonel Francis Burdett, to the high and distinguished office of Provincial Grand Master for the newly-created Province of Middlesex, and that this Lodge begs to assure the new Provincial Grand Master that all its members will feel the utmost pleasure in submitting to his rule, and in assisting him to perform the many and important duties of his office, so as to ensure perfect working and harmony among all the brethren of the newly-constituted Province of Middlesex."

[Here follow the signatures of the W.M., Past Masters, Sec., Treas., and a great number of the brethren of the lodge.]

#### To the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex.

The brethren of the Gooch Lodge, 1238, have desired me to congratulate you on your appointment, expressing at the same time the hope that you may always find them able and willing to fulfil any duties that it may be your pleasure to impose on them, and further beg you to believe in their sincere wish that you may long be spared to rule over them.

(Signed) E. A. BABER,

Feb. 4, 1870.

Hon. Sec. 1238, P.M. 452, &c.

### Reports of Masonic Meetings.

#### THE CRAFT.

##### METROPOLITAN.

*Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73.*—On Tuesday, the 19th ult., the regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Punctually at five o'clock, the lodge was opened by Bro. F. H. Ebsworth, W.M. Bro. F. Walters, P.M., acted as Sec., and read the minutes which were unanimously confirmed. The work done was initiating Messrs. Gillis and Crighton, and raising Bro. Angel. It was announced that the Stewards from this lodge who represented it at the Boys' School, obtained £212 on their joint list, viz., Bros. M. A. Loewenstark and A. L. Dussek. Bro. J. W. Dudley thanked the members of the lodge for their assistance in securing the election of the girl Hart into the Girls' School. The lodge was closed; there was not any banquet.

*Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79.*—The regular meeting of this illustrious lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, upon April the 25th. Bro. Thomas Perridge, W.M. presiding. Among the brethren present were Bros. R. Boncey, I.P.M.; J. H. H. Doughney, Sec. and P.M.; Perry, Treas. and P.M.; P. W. Ward, P.M.; J. S. Burls, S.W.; C. Nash, J. W.; Robt. J. Nash, S.D.; H. Roberts, J.D.; C. M. Munyard, I.G.; R. Waterhouse, W.S.; W. W. Smith, J. Shaw, G. E. Kiddell, G. Payten, C. Wall, Wilkins, H. Bond, and several other brethren. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the second degree. Bros. H. J. Pettit, F. Roberts, and C. Fowler having given proofs of their efficiency in the former degrees were duly raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being most impressively rendered. Bro. Edwd. M. Webb was then passed to the degree of F.C. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Bernard, W. Parsons, Joseph R. Dussek, and Ambrose Beckwith, which proving unanimous in favour they were regularly initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M. then proposed that the sum of £10 10s. be given to the Girls' School; £5 to the Aged Freemasons' Institution for old men; and also £5 to the Aged Freemasons' Institution for old women; these propositions being duly seconded were carried by acclamation. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren repaired to an excellent banquet under the superintendence of Mr. Pycroft, the Manager. Amongst the visitors present were, Bros. E. J. B. Bumstead, P.M., 548; Jas. Weaver, W.M. Whittington; Jas. Bennett, Celtic; W. Durham, Westbourne; G. Cattel; Jas. Barratt, S.W. 871; Geo. Dilley, W.M.-elect Excelsior; and several other distinguished brethren.

*Lodge of Faith, No. 141.*—This lodge met for the last time this season on Tuesday, April 26th, at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. Bro. Jas. Hill, W.M., presided, assisted by Bro. Peavers, P.M., as S.W.; C. C. Taylor, J.W.; Green, S.D.; Themans, J.D.; Pitt, I.G.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Anslow, P.M., Sec.; and Hyde, J.P.M. There were also present—Bros. W. Stewart, P.M.; Pope, P.M.; Gottheil, P.M.; Harris, P.M.; N. Gluckstein, P.M.; J. L. Jones, P.M.; and a strong muster of brethren. The visitors were—Bros. T. S. Dickie (P.M. and P.Z. 45, &c., P.G.P.), W. Musto (1227), Arthur Champion (Central, 361, Brooklyn, New York, U.S.), L. Steam (212), Thos. White (W.M. 22), J. Slack (P.M. 833), C. Nott (87), C. Lacy (P.M. 174), and Dr. Mondelet (228). The lodge having been opened in due form and with solemn prayer, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and in due time Bros. D. Davis, M. Davis, and Dempsey obtained the honours of the third degree. The ceremony was most ably performed by the W.M., who was most efficiently seconded by his Wardens and Deacons. Indeed, the Lodge of Faith can boast of a set of officers second to none in the Craft. After the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Clemow, under the able superintendence of Bro. W. Smith. When the cloth was removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly proposed and responded to. To the toast of the "Grand Officers," Bro. Dickie replied. To the "Health of the Visitors," Bros. Lacy and Mondelet returned thanks. For the "P.M.'s" of the Lodge of Faith, Bros. Hyde and Peavers had each a few words to say. To the "Officers," Bros. Speed and Taylor replied. The "Charities" were responded to by Bro. W. Stewart, P.M., who has stood for them all, is never weary of promoting their interest, and whose activity on their behalf never slackens. Bros. S. Davis, M. Davis, Mallett, Nott, and Taylor contributed to the amusements of the evening by their vocal power; while Bro. D. Davis gave proof of histrionic abilities by a recitation from "Othello," which was most excellently spoken. The last, but certainly the happiest, meeting of the season thus terminated, and the

brethren separated to go their different ways, to re-assemble in peace and harmony (should it please the G.A.O.T.U.) in September next.

*Lodge of Israel No. 205.*—This lodge met in the lodge room at Radley's Hotel, on Tuesday week, when the esteemed and talented Master, the W. Bro. M. J. Emanuel—supported by Past Masters Chamberlain, Stanton Jones, S. M. Harris, Littaur and Coote, with Bros. H. M. Harris, S.W.; A. M. Cohen, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Van Denbosch, S.D.; Hogard, J.D.; and J. N. Emanuel, I.G.—in his excellent style admitted Bros. Ladd, Boam, and Streather to the second degree, and conferred the sublime degree on Bros. Treble, Moge, Bowden, Hawthorn, Pingston, and Jacobs. The only visitors present were Bros. H. M. Levy, P.M. 188, Bray, 511, and Solomons, 711. After closing the lodge, the W.M. and brethren adjourned to refreshment, when one of the usual pleasant meetings of this lodge concluded with the Tyler's toast.

*Finsbury Lodge, No. 861.*—This lodge met at the Jolly Anglers Tavern on Friday, April 22nd, at 6 o'clock p.m. Bro. Purdy, P.M. and Sec., officiated in an able manner (owing to the absence of the W.M.), supported by the following officers:—Bros. Nicholls, S.W.; Hart, J.W.; Day, P.M. Treas.; Benjamin, S.D.; Stokes, J.D.; and Meanwell, I.G. After the lodge had been opened and the minutes read, it was opened in the second and third degrees. Bros. Wilding and Gibbs were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. A ballot was then taken for the election of W.M. and Treasurer, which resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. Nicholls as Master and Bro. Day (re-elected) Treasurer. Bro. Speight was also unanimously elected Tyler. This concluded the business, and the lodge closed. The brethren adjourned for refreshment, Bro. Purdy, P.M., presiding. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Purdy, P.M., proposed the "Health of Bro. Day," congratulating him upon his being again appointed Treasurer, and also of his being one of the founders of the lodge.—Bro. Day ably responded.—Bros. Sheppard and Barlow responded on behalf of the "Visitors."—Bro. Hart, in a humorous speech, returned thanks on behalf of the "Officers," also making many exceedingly appropriate and witty remarks respecting the pleasure he felt in volunteering for any duty required by the lodge. This led to a happy introduction of his many amusing adventures as a volunteer artilleryman in the sham fight at Brighton on the Monday previous. Several excellent songs enlivened the proceedings, Bilby, Org., ably presiding at the piano. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent, and the brethren separated in harmony and brotherly love.

*Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871.*—Bro. J. Truelove, W.M., at the appointed hour opened the lodge, at the Royal Oak Tavern, 162, High-street, Deptford, on Friday, 29th April. He raised separately Bros. Harvey, Harris, and Harman to the third degree. Bro. Charles Wood was unanimously elected as the Steward to represent the lodge at the ensuing Girls' School Festival. Ten pounds were voted from the lodge fund to the charity fund of the lodge; ten guineas from the lodge funds to the Girls' School. The lodge was duly closed, and a good banquet followed. Bros. W. Andrews, P.M. as S.W.; T. Killner, J.W.; H. A. Collington, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.M., Secretary; J. Whiffen, as S.D.; J. Parsons, as J.D.; G. Andrews, I.G.; J. Bowan, P.M., Tyler; G. Ellis, R. E. Turner, R. West, S. E. Lewin, C. Wood, H. G. Rattle and others were present. Visitor, Bro. C. Digby, 933.

*Victoria Lodge, No. 1056.*—The sixth installation meeting of this flourishing lodge since its consecration was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, to which house it has just been removed, on Thursday, the 28th April. Officers present: Bros. Frederick York Latreille, W.M.; George Roberts, S.W.; Alfred Robins, J.W.; W. Wrenn, P.M. and Treas.; Ulysses Latreille, Sec.; J. Morton, S.D.; W. Ashby, J.D. On the lodge being opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Ballots were then taken for the following gentlemen—viz., Messrs. George Gale, Thomas Borrow, and Frederick Fowler, who were all unanimously elected. Bro. Richard Walker Bevan was, after due examination as to his proficiency in the former degrees, regularly raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Bro. Gale being present was duly initiated into the Order, the ceremonies being most ably performed by the W.M., Bro. Latreille. Bro. George Roberts, the W.M.-elect, was then presented for installation, and installed into the chair of K.S. in so very able and impressive a manner by the retiring W.M., Bro. Latreille, as must have gratified every brother present. The W.M. then appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, addressing each on the duties of his office: Ulysses Latreille, S.W.; Alfred Robins, J.W.; W. Ashby, S.D.; Henry Wainwright, J.D.; J. Slade Brown, I.G.; W. Wrenn, P.M., Treas.; A. A. Pendlebury, P.M., Sec.; G. M. E. Snow, P.M., Dir. of Cers., and W. Grant, Tyler. Amongst the brethren present were the following: Thos. Maggs, H. Marsh, D. H. McGregor, H. P. Atter, John Winder, W. Brown, A. B. Parker, J. Tison, and the undermentioned visitors: Thos. D. Hayes (913), A. Smale (P.M. 879), T. Barford (P.M. 55), J. J. Bond (88), A. Francisco (455), P. Greenwood (901), R. G. Stevens (P.M. 554), J. J. James, (P.M. 554), J. G. Chillingworth (1228), C. Wile (49), W. A. Tharp (P.M. 49), C. A. Bowers (829), W. Morris (1228), H. Ancombe (177), C. Coard (554), A. Dickinson (55), W. Wainwright (933), and R. C. Chanter (1159). On the lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, where the usual toasts were gone through, and a very enjoyable evening concluded with the "Tyler's" toast, when the brethren adjourned, very well pleased with their new quarters.

*The Urban Lodge, No. 1196.*—The last general meeting of the present session took place at the Old Jerusalem

Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Tuesday the 26th ult., Bro. W. Sawyer, the W.M. in the chair. Amongst those present were Bros. Henry Marston, P.M.; C. Braid, S.W.; J. R. Ware, J.W.; J. Crawford Wilson, S.D.; J. Collingham, J.D.; J. F. Creswick, who officiated as I.G.; William Creswick (the Tragedian); E. L. Blanchard; James Terry, P.M., Secretary; Dr. Johnson, Treasurer; Kaster, Dearberg, &c. There were also, as visitors, Bros. Hersee, P.M. (St. Andrew's, 231), W. Boys (704), and Barge. Bro. Dicks and J. Wharton Simpson were raised to the sublime degree, and the lodge having been constituted in the first degree, balloted for Mr. Thomas Talfourd, son of the lamented Judge Talfourd, and brother of the late Mr. Frank Talfourd, the dramatic author, who was duly elected and initiated into the mysteries of the Order by the W.M. A banquet succeeded the business of the lodge, and gave general satisfaction. The usual loyal toasts given on these occasions having been disposed of, the W.M., in proposing the health of the initiate, deprecated the desire for wholesale initiations which was manifested by the Masters of some lodges, who seemed to think their glory increased in proportion to the numbers they initiated. Taking exactly the opposite view, he had rather hoped that in this matter his year of office would be a sort of sinecure. The more difficult access to Masonry was made, and the greater the care exercised in the admission of members, the better it would be for all concerned. It afforded him peculiar gratification, however, to have had the honour and pleasure that evening of initiating a gentleman who was likely to be an ornament to the Craft. They must all feel there was a charm in the name of Talfourd which appealed to the heart of every man. They could never forget the honoured name of the author of *Ion*, whose last words still rang in the memory of the nation as the keynote or peace-cry of the future—words regarded by all classes as the essence of wisdom and truth. Turning from one who lived in the memory of them all, to one who, though his métier was somewhat different, had still claims on their loving regard as a man of genius, and more especially as having done so much to raise burlesque from the level in which he found it; the name was still pregnant with reminiscences, and its possessor was one of the brightest and dearest amongst men. Seeing, then, that the initiate that evening inherited this honoured name, and was no unworthy possessor of it, he was sure they heartily welcome him to the ranks of Freemasonry, as an acquisition of which they might well feel proud.—The toast was drunk in a most cordial manner, and Bro. Talfourd responded in a few appropriate words.—Several other toasts followed, that of "The Visitors" being responded to by Bro. Hersee. The brethren, many of whom have musical proclivities as well as literary and dramatic abilities, spent a most agreeable evening, the vocal efforts of Bros. Braid, Blanchard, Hersee, Carpenter, and Creswick being conducive to the general harmony and happiness which prevailed.

SCOTLAND.

GLASGOW, LODGE OF ST. MARK.—The meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Monday, April 25th. Bro. Thomas Halket, R.W.M., in the chair; Bro. B. H. Remmers acting S.W., and Bro. W. A. Baillie acting J.W., and a large number of Brethren present. The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, after which two gentlemen were proposed as candidates, and after the usual formalities they were declared eligible for admission. The ceremony of initiation was conducted in the most masterly manner by the R.W.M., the proceedings being greatly enhanced by the simple yet solemn and effective manner in which the music was rendered, the brethren generally joining heartily in the song of praise. In addition to the usual ceremony, the R.W.M. gave the candidates a very fine lecture on the tracing board. Thereafter the R.W.M., in the name of the lodge, proceeded to present their Past Master, Bro. Major R. D. Barbor, with a Past Master's Jewel, in token of their high appreciation of his services when presiding over them for the last three years. The R.W.M. observed that it gave him very great pleasure indeed to have the honour of presenting this jewel, and to be enabled to express the unanimous and cordial manner in which in which it had been voted, &c. Bro. Barbor expressed himself as highly gratified that his services as their Master had met with their approval, and he felt very much flattered at this kind token of their regard, &c. Thereafter Bro. McCulloch, of the Lodge of Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, No. 1, having been duly proposed and seconded was afterwards admitted an affiliated member of St. Mark, the R.W.M. administering the obligation. The lodge was afterwards called for refreshment, when the usual loyal toasts were given and duly responded to. The "Visiting Brethren" was then given to the R.W.M. in very happy terms, and he observed that they were sometimes called "strangers," but that was a mistake, for all in a Masonic lodge were brethren. He coupled this toast with the names of Bros. Thomas Granger, R.W.M. of 117, and Brother W. P. Buchan, of St. John's Lodge, No. 3 bis, one of the Grand Stewards of the Grand Lodge at Edinburgh.—In his reply, Brother Granger agreed with the R.W.M. as to his observation about "strangers." He had been in a lodge lately where a brother who had been addressed as a foreigner objected to it, as there were no "foreigners" in a Masonic lodge.—Bro. Buchan, in responding, expressed himself as very highly pleased with the manner in which the ceremony of initiation had been conducted that night, and especially at the way in which the musical portion was rendered, &c.—The R.W.M. then observed that it afforded him great satisfaction to hear that their manner of conducting the ceremonies had met with the approbation of Bro. Buchan, as it was he (Bro. Buchan) who had first called his attention to the powerful influence which the introduction of music in the manner which had been done, had upon the ceremonies, and it was his intention

to carry out the same simple and solemn musical services in all the degrees and in such a manner as that all the brethren understanding what was going on might readily join in. The health of "Bro. Major Barbor" was then proposed by the Secretary, Bro. Mitchell, in highly eulogistic terms, and duly responded to. Bro. Barbor, having replied, the last toast was thereafter given, and the brethren being recalled to labour, the lodge was duly closed.

ROYAL ARCH.

METROPOLITAN.

Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73.—The installation meeting of this flourishing chapter was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Thursday, April 20th. The chapter having been duly opened, the Report of the Audit Committee was read, showing a good balance in hand without any liabilities. Bros. E. Shalless (140), D. Bliss (169), and S. Funkenstein (1017) were exalted. Comp. A. D. Loewenstark, Z., installed Comp. J. Wavy, H., as the M.E.Z.; Comp. F. Walters, P.Z., installed Comp. T. J. Sabine, J., as H. The J.-elect, Comp. J. Trickett, being absent, was not installed. The officers are: A. D. Loewenstark, P.Z., Treas.; M. A. Loewenstark, S.E.; W. Roebuck, S.N.; J. T. Moss, P.S.; E. Harris, 1st A.S.; T. Suffield, 2nd A.S.; T. D. Barnard, D.C.; S. Funkenstein, W.S.; W. J. Laing, Janitor. A 5-guinea P.Z.'s jewel was presented to the retiring Z., A. D. Loewenstark, from the chapter funds, which he appropriately acknowledged. The chapter was closed, and the usual good banquet followed. There were also present Comps. Dr. Dixon, P.Z., G. J. Loc, G. W. Wheeler, A. P. Stedman, J. R. Tustin, S. Frankenber, J. McKiernan, &c. Visitors: G. A. Wright (P.S. 22), J. Terry (Z. 174), F. K. Stevens (Z. 185), W. Littaur (Z. 188), W. B. Hopper (Constantinople).

Pythagorean Chapter, No. 79.—The first regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on the 21st ult. Comps. J. H. H. Doughney, M.E.Z., R. Boney, H., and W. West Smith, J., having opened the chapter in ancient form, and the minutes of the recent emergency meeting having been duly confirmed, the ballot was taken for Brothers Waterhouse (79), W. McArthur (Commercial Lodge, Glasgow), and C. Wall (79), which proved unanimously favourable. Bros. J. T. Forbes Firth, W. Myatt, R. Waterhouse, C. M. Munday and C. Wall, being in attendance, were regularly exalted into the H.R.A. in a very impressive manner. The other companions present were T. Peridge, S.E., John Robert Nash, P.S., R. Trill, 1st A.S., E. J. B. Bumstead, 2nd A.S., Jas. Brett, P.Z., A.G.P.; and visitors Comps. Joseph Smith (P.Z. 19, P.G.D.C.), Jas. Weaver (177), W. Noak (H. 206), and Geo. States (P.Z. S.E. 145). The chapter was closed in due form, Comp. James Brett delivering the valedictory address in a very emphatic manner. The companions then repaired to an excellent banquet.

SCOTLAND.

DUNDEE.—Union Chapter, No. 6.—The Companions met in their Chapter-room on Friday evening last week for degrees and general business. Present: Comps. Berry (in the chair), Robertson, Stenwick, Kelt, Smith, Henry, Logie, Dunn, Gimmell, Roger, Reid, Baird, &c. The minute of special meeting at Perth (as reported in last week's FREEMASON) having been read and confirmed, Comp. Dunn, Scribe E., presented petitions from Bros. Scott, Stewart and Don, craving to be admitted members of the chapter. The ballot proving perfect, the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Excellent Master, and Holy Royal Arch were then conferred on the candidates. The motion of Comp. Kelt for raising the fees of entrance from the 1st May was declared unanimously carried. The Scribe E. then intimated that the portrait of the late M.E.P. Comp. J. Chalmers would be unveiled on the 5th proximo in open chapter. Comp. James Robertson then fully addressed the meeting on the proposed formation of a club in connection with the chapter, and the proposal having met with the unanimous support of the Companions present, a committee was appointed to look after suitable rooms and arrange other preliminaries. The chapter was closed with prayer at 11 p.m.

ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

METROPOLITAN.

A vessel of the Most Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners appeared off the George Hotel, Aldermanbury, at about seven of the clock, p.m., on Monday, May the 2nd, 1870, under the command of the Father Noah, and having on board R.A. Mariners—Marsh, as Shem; Hubbard, as Japhet; and Vesper, as P.N. The vessel being properly moored the Ark was opened in due form, and the following brethren, after taking the A.O.B. of this Honourable Fraternity, came on board as R.A. Mariners, viz., Bros. Church, G. Kenning, Warr, McKiernan, Levander, M. Edwards, T. C. Davison, and Gilbert. The Ark was then opened in the degrees of Shem and Japheth, and these chairs were occupied in rotation by R.A. Mariners Marsh, Cubitt, Church, Levander, and M. Edwards. After an interval, and on the retirement of the rest of the R.A. Mariners, the Ark was opened in the supreme degree of Noah, when R.A. Mariners Hubbard, Levander, and Edwards were passed into the chair of First Principal. The "Gill" warrant of the fraternity was on the table of the Scribe during these ceremonies. The Ark being properly closed, the vessel was unmoored, the R.A. Mariners adjourned, and after an evening spent very agreeably separated. (Any brother wishing for further information is invited to apply to the Scribe, M. Edwards, P.N., care of Br. Gosden, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.)

ORDERS OF CHIVALRY.

RED CROSS OF ROME & CONSTANTINE.

BIRMINGHAM.—*The Rose of Sharon Conclave, No. 19*, held the usual quarterly meeting at the Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, on Thursday, the 21st April. There was not a large attendance of chevaliers, and the M.P.S. being absent on account of illness, Sir Kt. Thos. Partridge, V.E., discharged the duties of the chair. Three candidates were duly installed, after which the ballot was taken for M.P.S., V.E., and Treasurer, the result being that Sir Kt. Partridge was elected Sovereign, Sir Kt. L. Wright, V.E., and Sir Kt. J. Pursall, Treasurer. A vote of sympathy with the very highly esteemed M.P.S., the Rev. W. B. Smith, was passed unanimously. Nothing further offering, the conclave was closed in vice-regal form, and the chevaliers, to the number of sixteen sat down to an excellent dinner. The next meeting will be held on the third Thursday in July, when it is hoped there will be a good attendance of Sir Knights, as on that occasion the installation of the M.P.S.-elect will take place, and he will be pleased to see any visitors who will favour the conclave with their presence.

PONTYPOOL.—*The Gwent Conclave, No. 23*, will shortly meet at Pontypool under the presidency of Sir Knight W. Williams. This may be termed an offshoot from the Rose of Sharon Conclave, No. 19, Birmingham, as the founders were installed in that Conclave.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

PROVINCIAL.

IPSWICH.—*Victoria Chapter Rose Croix of Herodim.*—The regular meeting of this Chapter was held on the evening of the 11th of April, when the Very Ill. and Perfect Bro. C. T. Townsend was installed M.W.S., by Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, 30°, P.M., W.S., and was afterwards pleased to appoint and invest the following officers: Bros. Westgate, 1st Genl.; Golding, 2nd Genl.; Rev. F. Palmer, G. Prelate; Emra Holmes, 31°, Recorder; Sanderson, Grand Marshal; Jno. Townsend, Capt. of the Guard; Cuckow, Raphael. Three brethren were proposed for the honour of perfection at the next meeting, and the Chapter was closed.

MESSRS. T. TREDINNICK and Co., dealers in stocks and shares, 3, Crown-court, Threadneedle-street, London, report as follows:—The market for the past week has shown considerable buoyancy, money being tolerably plentiful. Speculative enterprise is decidedly in favour, more especially in our home industries—as, for example, mining in North and South Wales, Cornwall, the North of England, and the Isle of Man. As regards Wales, the chief features of attraction are the "Van" and its satellites—many of which sell at prices that defy criticism, or even the exercise of our ordinary standard of appreciation. Fancy articles command at times inordinate prices, though probably a few months will test the inherent value of many of these recently floated undertakings. The Bronfloyd Cwmystwyth Bwlch Consols, Lisburne Van, and a few others in Cardiganshire and Montgomeryshire, are unquestionably good mines, but there is a wide difference between the respective merits of each which practical experience can alone detect. In Cornwall, the West Chiverton is a mine of sterling wealth. Mary Ann, South Caradon, Seton, West Seton, Sparne Moor, and the North Pool are well worthy attention at ruling quotations; whilst another undertaking, called the "West Porkellas," has recently become resuscitated, and which, under practical management, is likely to become exceedingly productive and profitable, and to this undertaking we direct special attention (20 shares of £150 each). After a considerable interval, mining in North Italy is again in the ascendant; and it is evidently the policy of the existing Administration, as evidenced by the liberality of their present terms of concession, to increase, as far as possible, the introduction of British capital in developing their mineral riches, and we can scarcely do better than embrace openings thus presented for our surplus capital, as we pay for nothing beyond labour, which, in Italy, is cheap enough; and while employing this we may receive abundant and most remunerative returns in ores, especially copper, in which North Italy is exceedingly rich, and should take its rang equal to Chili or Cuba. The Tavarone concession recently offered in England we have personally inspected, and must pronounce it second to no mineral property in South Europe. It embraces 3,840 acres, and is under thoroughly practical management, and the shares, £5 paid warrants to bearer, involves no further responsibility than the first subscription.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Ulcers, Wounds, Sprains.—Bad legs, old wounds, and sprains, whether recent or chronic, yield with surprising celerity to the cooling, healing, and curative properties of this invaluable ointment. It may be relied upon in all such cases as have baffled the skill of our best hospital surgeons. No matter the length of time the malady has endured, this ointment, assisted by a course of Holloway's pills, will quietly but certainly reach the core of the complaint, and thoroughly eradicate it, without additional impediments to pleasure or business. These remedies will overcome the worst forms of disease, and the foulest state of the blood. They never fail in extirpating noxious humors, the first step towards renewing soundness.—[Advt.]



## INSTALLATION OF GRAND MASTER.

The following is a copy of the summons issued for the installation of the M.W.G. Master on the 14th inst. :—

*United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.*

W. Master,—It having been impossible, in consequence of the melancholy events which have taken place in Greece, for the Most Worshipful Grand Master-elect, the Right Honourable the Earl de Grey and Ripon, to attend Grand Lodge on the 27th April, the installation of his Lordship and the Grand Festival were necessarily postponed. I am, therefore, commanded to inform you that an Especial Grand Lodge will be holden on Saturday, the 14th May, for the installation, the appointment of the Grand Officers of the year, and for the celebration of the Grand Festival; on which day your attendance, together with your Wardens and Past Masters, in Masonic clothing, is requested at Freemasons' Hall, at half-past four o'clock punctually.

By command of the W.M. Grand Master  
JOHN HERVEY, G.S.  
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
4th May, 1870.

## PROVINCE OF LINCOLN.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT  
HORNCASTLE.

On Thursday, the 26th ult., the W.D.P.G.M., (Major Smyth,) called the brethren of the province together to constitute and dedicate a new lodge. This is now the fourth time that this interesting ceremony has been performed in the province during the last six months, proving how rapid of late has been the spread of Freemasonry in this part of the kingdom. There was a lodge established at Horncastle, in the year 1831, under the name of the "Olive Union" Lodge, No. 587. A Provincial Grand Lodge was held under its auspices in the year 1833, when the late Dr. Oliver was installed D.P.G.M., vice Rev. Matt. Barnett, deceased. The lodge, however, became extinct in the year 1846, and since then no effort has been made to resuscitate it. The old banner and some of the jewels are still in existence and created a good deal of interest, but not a single member of the old lodge survives. For some time, however, there has been a wish to establish a new lodge, and Bro. the Rev. J. Carter Browne, who has lately come to reside in the district, has given it shape and substance, and there is every prospect of a good lodge being established. The same name has been wisely adopted for the new lodge, and its present number is 1304. Forty brethren assembled for the occasion, and many more would have been present had it not unfortunately been Lincoln Fair.

The ceremony was most beautifully rendered by Bro. Major Smyth, assisted by Bro. the Rev. G. Coltman, P.D.P.G.M. Bro. G. H. Porter, P.P.G.O., presided at the harmonium in his usual effective manner, and Bro. Griffin, P.G. Director of Ceremonies performed his duties admirably. During the ceremony, a short but powerful oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. G. Coltman, who from the long experience he has had in Masonry was well qualified to give valuable advice to the young lodge, and whose admirable remarks and brotherly admonitions will long be remembered by them. The P.G. Secretary also gave a congratulatory address, which was listened to with much pleasure. He attributed the rapid spread of Masonry in his province not only to the fact, that they were favoured by having such zealous and efficient officers as His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, P.G.M., and his worthy Deputy, Major Smyth, to reign over them, but that a totally different spirit had been evoked of late years; the spirit of *Charity* had been called into action, and Freemasonry had proved itself a reality, and not a sham. Nearly £1,000 had been contributed by the lodges in the province to various charities during the last five years, and many a widow's and orphan's heart had been made glad through these means. If any lodge was stagnant and stationary, depend upon it, it was because they had no outlet of this kind. Look at the mountain spring; why was it so full of life and freshness, with no poisonous weeds growing upon its surface? It was because it had its waterfall and rippling stream gladdening and refreshing the country through which it passed; and every lodge should have its *outlet of Charity*, it wanted its golden stream and silver waterfall, and then not only would all around it smile with joy and gladness, but the fountain would be kept pure and transparent, a thing of beauty and delight.

After the ceremony of dedication was over, the Rev. J. Carter Browne was installed as first Master of the Lodge, and Bro. J. C. Osborne, P.P.G.O., and Bro. T. H. Rose, were invested with the Wardens' jewels.

A banquet was held immediately after at the Bull Hotel, at which all the brethren assembled, and were ably presided over by the new W.M. Various toasts were given. Bro. Coltman proposed, "The D.P.G.M., and the P.G. Officers," which was responded to in an excellent speech by Major Smyth; and Bro. Radley, P.J.G.W., in proposing "The Masonic Charities," gave some interesting information in connection with the working of his office—viz., Secretary to the Provincial Charity Committee—and make an urgent appeal for further support.—Bro. C. E. Lucas, ably seconded the appeal, and we are glad to announce that several handsome donations were handed over to him on behalf of his own pet institution the P.G.I. Benevolent Fund.

## PROVINCE OF LANCASTER.

PRESENTATION TO M.E. COMP. MOORE, M.D.,  
ETC., ETC.

The regular annual convocation of the Rowley Chapter, No. 1031, for the installation of Principals, &c., was held at the Chapter Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster, on Monday, April 25th, at four o'clock in the afternoon. The M.E.Z., Dr. Moore, was supported by Comps. Bagnall, H.; Mason, J.; Edward Busher, P.Z. 129; John Bowes, P.Z. 129, 148, Prov. G.S.B.; W. Hall, E.; John Holme, 129, as N.; Dr. Mercer, P.S.: J. M. Moore, as Asst. Soj.; Fenton, Airey, Taylor, Watson, &c. The chapter was duly opened by the principals when the rest of the companions were admitted. The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed the M.E.Z. requested all below the rank of an installed First Principal to retire, when a Board of First Principals was duly opened by E. Comps. Moore (Z.), Busher (H.), Bowes (J.). Comps. Bagnall (M.E.Z.-elect), Mason (H.-elect), and W. Hall (J.-elect), were severally presented by E. Comp. Busher, who also offered the prayers. Comp. Bowes read the scripture portions. The whole of the ceremonies, together with the charges, were given in a most exact manner by Comp. Dr. Moore, who deserves the highest praise for his invaluable services to the Craft in Lancaster and the neighbourhood, and most especially for his correct and effective working.

The chapter having been resumed and the Comps. re-admitted, the principals were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom. The M.E.Z. then invested the following companions as officers for the ensuing year :—

Comp. Dr. Moore, P.Z.  
" Dr. Mercer, Scribe E.  
" Whimprey, Scribe N.  
" W. Barker, Treasurer.  
" Fenton, P.S.  
" Taylor, Janitor.

Comp. Rev. Fitzherbert Astley Cave Brown Cave, M.A., Vicar of Ellef, Past Principal J., Apollo University Chapter, Oxford, was unanimously elected a joining member.

## THE BANQUET

was held at the King's Arms Hotel, and did the utmost credit to the catering abilities of Bro. Sly, the proprietor. The M.E.Z., Comp. BAGNALL, presided, and was supported by a goodly company of members. After the cloth was withdrawn, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and duly honoured, and the National Anthem was sung.

The M.E.Z. then proposed "The First Principal, the Earl of Zetland, and other Principals of the Supreme Grand Chapter;" and in doing so, made a graceful allusion to the Grand Master, whom they all had the pleasure of meeting on the occasion of laying the foundation-stone of the Royal Albert Asylum. (The toast was drunk with Royal Arch honours.)

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Provincial Grand Superintendent and Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Lancashire." He said they were all well acquainted with Sir Thos. Hesketh, and the interest he had now for so many years taken in the Craft. He was glad on the present occasion that they had an officer of the Provincial Grand Chapter present to respond to the toast; he would, therefore, ask them to drink the toast, and with it the name of E. Comp. Bowes, P.Z. 129, 148, Prov. G.S.B. (The toast was drunk with all honours.)

E. Comp. BOWES felt proud of having the honour of responding to a toast of such importance as the one introduced by the M.E.Z. He could fully indorse all that had been said in praise of their Masonic Chief and his subordinate Officers. He was glad also to have an opportunity of thanking the members of the Rowley Chapter for the honour they did him at their first meeting by electing him an honorary member. He should always be glad to assist them by his presence whenever he received the command of the M.E.Z.

Comp. HALL next proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," and in doing so paid that companion a very high compliment for the zeal and ability with which he discharged his Masonic obligations. (The toast was drunk with warm demonstrations of approval.)

The M.E.Z. thanked Comp. Hall and those present for the hearty proposal and warm reception accorded to the toast of his health. He assured them that nothing should be wanting on his part in his endeavours to discharge aright the responsibilities of his high and honourable office.

The M.E.Z. again rose, and said that having been installed in the chair of First Principal, a most pleasing duty devolved upon him. He had the honour of proposing "The Health of the P.Z. and Installing Officer." The mere mention of the name of their excellent companion and warm-hearted friend Dr. Moore would be sufficient to ensure it a hearty reception at their hands. (Cheers.) He, however, felt that the members of the Rowley Chapter would not consider he had performed his duty if he allowed the present opportunity to pass without according to their worthy companion that praise which he so justly merited. By Dr. Moore's exertions they were enabled to work their chapter in such a manner as to render it a model chapter for the province. Dr. Moore was its founder and first M.E.Z., and it was owing to his untiring energy and zeal that the Craft in Lancaster had assumed such importance. It did not matter where they looked, whether in their chapter or their lodge, or indeed to the parent Lodge of Fortitude, the impress of Comp. Moore's zeal was to be found, and, therefore, they were bound to accord to him every credit and their warmest thanks. As a slight recognition of the important services Dr. Moore had rendered the Rowley Chapter, and to mark their appreciation of his great zeal for the Craft, he begged, on behalf of the members, to present

him with a P.Z. jewel, and trusted that he might long live to wear it, and continue to take the same interest in the cause of Freemasonry that he had hitherto done. Their E. Companion had earned for himself a wide reputation for Masonic knowledge, and he was ever ready to communicate to others what he knew himself. The M.E.Z. then placed the jewel on Dr. Moore's breast, and said: "Companions, I now call upon you to drink with all the enthusiasm it merits, and all the honours we can accord, the 'Health of E. Comp. Moore, M.D., &c., the founder and first M.E.Z. of the Rowley Chapter, and the Installing Officer of the day.'" (The toast was drunk amidst loud demonstrations of the warmest approval.) The jewel was made by Comp. Kenning, and was of the most chaste design, and set with diamonds. The following is a copy of the inscription:—"Presented to Comp. Dr. Moore by the members of the Rowley Chapter, as a mark of esteem and in appreciation of his eminent services as Founder and first M.E.Z. of the Chapter. 25th April, 1870."

Comp. MOORE, in rising to reply, was received with enthusiastic applause by the companions, whom he addressed as follows: "M.E. Comp. Bagnall and Companions, I beg to thank you most heartily and feelingly for the honour that you have done me, and for the very handsome testimonial of your esteem and appreciation of the services that I have rendered to the Rowley Chapter, which has just been presented to me in so elegant and flattering a manner by your present respected Chief. The presentation of a jewel, especially a jewel of so great a value, although fully appreciated by me, was not required in order to reward me for the pains that I had bestowed upon the work, for I have already received sufficient recompense in the great success that has attended the formation and progress of the chapter, and in the able manner in which my endeavours have been seconded by its officers; and I may here, perhaps, be allowed to remark that I have seldom, if ever, visited a chapter where the various officers were so zealous and efficient in the performance of their duties as in the Rowley Chapter, and this fact tells volumes as to the necessity which existed in this town for the formation of a Royal Arch Chapter, and augurs very favourably for its future progress and usefulness, and I may with a large degree of certainty venture to predict that under the rule of its present Principal Z. and other Principals, it will still maintain its efficiency and preserve the high character it has already so justly acquired. Comp. Moore then gave a short sketch of the history of the chapter, and the difficulty which had attended its formation, especially alluding to the lamented death by accident of Comp. Ball, the prospective Principal H., and thankfully acknowledging the assistance they had received from Excellent Comps. Rev. W. Bramwell Smith, P.Z.; Edward Busher, P.Z.; and J. Bowes, P.Z.; who had since been elected honorary members of the chapter; and concluded by again thanking the companions for their elegant and valuable decoration, which he would always preserve with care, and of which he was proud to have been the recipient.

The M.E.Z. rose to propose "The Honorary Members and Visitor," and said that out of three honorary members two were present, which spoke sufficiently for the interest they took in the chapter. Their visitor, Comp. Holme, was a member of the Kendal Castle Chapter, 129, and W.M. of the Union Lodge, Kendal. (Drank with all honours.)

Comp. BUSHER, P.Z., rose with much pleasure to acknowledge the compliment paid to him personally. He was ever ready and most willing to lend a helping hand whenever needed. He was sorry he was obliged to leave them, but his engagements were such that he had little time to call his own.

Comp. MOORE next proposed "The 2nd and 3rd Principals and Officers of the Rowley Chapter," which was responded to by Comp. Hall, H.

The M.E.Z. asked them to join him in drinking a special toast. Comp. J. M. Moore had travelled from Derby in order to be with them, and he had very great pleasure in proposing his health. (It was drunk with all honours.)

Comp. MOORE said that one of their honorary members was absent from indisposition, which he was sure all would regret. He begged to propose "The Health of E. Comp. Rev. W. Bramwell Smith, with regret at his indisposition."

Comp. WATSON proposed the "Janitor's" toast, which brought the interesting proceedings of the day to a close.

DEDICATION of the MASONIC ROOMS at  
the MASONIC HALL, BIRMINGHAM.

The ceremony of consecration and dedication of the Masonic Rooms was performed on the 25th ult., by the Right Hon. and Right Worshipful Lord Leigh, Provincial Grand Master, assisted by the Very Worshipful Bro. Colonel Machen, D.P.G.M., and the Grand Lodge of Warwickshire. It appears somewhat extraordinary, that such a long period of time should have elapsed since the laying the foundation-stone of this edifice, to the occasion of solemnly dedicating a portion of it to Masonic purposes according to ancient form. The Company which was launched under the best auspices became early surrounded by difficulties which were not at all complimentary to the Craft, and it was somewhat problematical whether the building in any shape would be thoroughly completed. However, while deploring that more work in "due form" could not have been effected while the ground-rent of the site was at the nominal sum of £360, we congratulate our "Birmingham Masonic Hall and Club Company Limited" in completing their work, although we must say the accommodation for members of the Craft in that important province has been sacrificed to the "Club element."

The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge were received by the W.M., (Bro. A. Blanckenssee,) Wardens and brethren of St. Paul's Lodge. There were upwards of 150 members of the Craft present, including several visitors, among whom was Bro. Lord James Murray, P.W. of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The Lodge of St. Paul's having assembled, and the vessels of consecration having been previously placed on a pedestal in front of the W.M.'s position in the East, the lodge was opened in the E.A.P. degree. The arrival of the P.G.M. and officers of P.G.L. at the portals was announced. The Grand Lodge having entered, the Right Worshipful P.G.M. taken his position in the East, supported by the Very Worshipful the D.P.G.M., and the brethren ranged in their respective positions by the P.D.G.C., Bro. E. Worrall and his assistants, the ceremony of dedicating the temple was then performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

It commenced by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, (Bro. Rev. C. Webb,) reading a passage of Scripture from 1 Kings, chap. viii., 22nd to 30th verses, after which the following anthem was sung by the brethren and choir:—

Hail! Universal Lord,  
By heaven and earth ador'd,  
All hail! great God!  
Before Thy Name we bend,  
To us Thy grace extend,  
And to our prayer attend,  
All hail! great God!

Bro. Stimpson, Past Grand Organist, presided at the organ.

A procession was then formed, the elements of consecration being carried by the Worshipful Masters of "St. Paul's," "The Faithful," and "The Howe," and made the circuit of the lodge, until the Deputy Provincial Grand Master reached the East, when the cornucopia, containing corn, was presented by the W.M. of Lodge 587, Bro. J. Vose Solomon, to the Grand Registrar, who sprinkled the lodge with the grain, the P.G. Chaplain meanwhile reading the 16th verse of the 76th Psalm. The Grand Registrar then dedicated the temple to Masonry, to which there was the musical response, "Glory be to God, on high." A second circuit of the lodge was made, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master sprinkled the temple with wine from a chalice, which was presented to him by the W.M. of Lodge 473, Bro. S. A. Parker, the P.G. Chaplain reading the 7th verse of the 15th Chapter of Numbers. Afterwards the Deputy Provincial Grand Master dedicated the temple to virtue, the response being as before. In the third circuit, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master anointed the lodge with oil from a vessel presented by Bro. A. Blanckenssee, W.M. of Lodge 43, the P.G. Chaplain reading Exodus xxx., 25, 26. The temple was then dedicated to universal benevolence and charity. The response of "Glory be to God on high" having been given by the whole of the brethren, the consecration prayer was offered up by the P.G. Chaplain. The D.P.G.M. having seasoned the lodge with salt, the P.G. Chaplain read a portion of the 2nd chapter of Leviticus, 13th verse. The D.P.G.M. then declared the temple duly consecrated and dedicated according to ancient form.

The R.W. P.G. Master then opened the Prov. G. Lodge, Bro. J. C. Cohen (officiating for Bro. Graves) as G.S.W., and Bro. Estlin as G.J.W. The list of lodges in the province was read, when every lodge excepting the "Bard of Avon," responded. The roll of P.G. Officers was then called, and the absentees were very few. The minutes of the P.G. Lodge held at Leamington last autumn were then read and confirmed.

The report of the Benevolent and Annuity Fund Committee was read, and the statement showed the fund to be in a healthy state. A discussion then ensued as to the candidates for the Masonic Charities who should receive the support of the province at the next election, the P.G.M. at the same time regretting that the boy, G. H. J. Sale, had been unsuccessful at the recent election for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys which took place on the 18th ult., and recommending that every effort should be made to secure his election next October.

Bro. Rev. P. S. Harris, (Shakespeare Lodge,) P.G.C., delivered an excellent oration, in which the precepts inculcated by Freemasonry were forcibly dwelt upon, and alluded in pertinent language to the person wearing the triple crown, who had stigmatised members of the Craft as assassins. A collection was then made on behalf of the Provincial Annuity Fund, and upwards of £13 was realised.

The lodge having been closed the brethren adjourned to Banquet, which was provided by the Steward of the Masonic Club, and laid out in the large Assembly Room. The Right Worshipful P.G.M., Lord Leigh, presided, supported on his right by the Very Worshipful Bros. Col. Machen, D.P.G.M.; Rev. P. S. Harris, P.G.C.; Col. Ratcliffe, P.J.W.; Major Hebbert, and Lloyd Foster; and on his left by Bros. Lord James Murray, A. Blanckenssee, J. T. Collins, P.G.T.; Geo. Beech, P.G.T.; A. Cohen, Matthew Smart (P.M. 74), M. Davis, E. Yates, and Pursell. The vice-chairs were filled by Bros. E. Worrall and Frederick Cohen. Among the company present we observed:—Bros. James Muggleton (W.M. 74), Wood (P.M. 74), Whitehead (P.M. 925), George Marris, Johnson (P.M. 925), E. Berry, S. C. Cowan (W.M. 938), W. G. Moore, E. G. Wootton (Sec. 925), Langston Parker, S. Demison, Rev. C. Webb (P.G.C.), Kennedy, John Bragg (P.M. 739), Alfred Gaul, William Glydon, Davis, Vertegans, Vincent Taylor (W.M. 925), Kerr, &c., &c.

The following toasts were proposed, and heartily drunk with the usual Masonic honours:—"The Queen and the Craft," "The Most Worshipful, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," "The Most Worshipful the Earl of Zetland, G.M. of England, his Deputy the Earl De Grey and Ripon, and the Grand Lodge." In proposing this toast,

Lord Leigh stated, that probably that would be the last time he should have the pleasure of proposing the health of the Earl of Zetland as the Grand Master of Masons of England, but he did not do so in any way with a less warmth than he had been accustomed to do, for the Grand Master had always been found to be worthy of the high position he held and a good Mason. [The information of the massacre of Mr. Vynner, the brother-in-law of the G.M.-Elect, was not current at the time this toast was drank]—The Right Worshipful, the P.G.M., then proposed "The health of Lord James Murray, P.S.W. of the G.L. of Scotland," who responded, and paid a high tribute to the Masonic feeling of the Province of Warwickshire, and hoped that he should have the pleasure of meeting the Birmingham brethren on some future occasions.—Lord James Murray then proposed, "The health of Lord Leigh, P.G.M. of Warwickshire," who in thanking the brethren for the hearty reception they had given him, stated that he had endeavoured to fill the position of P.G.M. for eighteen years, and until they told him to resign his position, he should always feel a great pleasure in doing what he could to promote the interests of Freemasonry throughout the province. The next toasts were "The D.P.G. Master, Colonel Machen, and the P.G.L.," "The Right Worshipful the P.G.M.'s of Staffordshire and Worcestershire, and their Provincial Grand Lodges," "The W.M. of St. Paul's Lodge."—Bro. Col. Ratcliffe proposed, "The healths of the Directors of the Masonic Hall and Club Company," and eulogised their conduct in carrying out to a successful termination the duties which they had taken upon themselves, and were fully and deeply acknowledged in the dedication of the Masonic rooms that day.—Bro. E. Yates, Chairman of the Directors acknowledged the compliment.—The "The Visitors," and "The Tyler's" toast, brought a very pleasant evening's relaxation to an appropriate and early termination. The proceedings were enlivened by the singing of Bros. W. Glydon, John Bragg, Davis, Kennedy, and other vocalists. Bro. A. Gaul kindly presided at the pianoforte.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending May 14, 1870.

MONDAY, MAY 9.

- Lodge 5, St. George & Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 29, St. Alban's, London Tav., Aldersgate-street.
- " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 879, Peckham, Maismore Arms, Peckham.
- " 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 720, Panmure, Loughton Hotel, Loughton-road.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile End, at 7 for 8.

TUESDAY, MAY 10.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, Radley's Hotel, Blackfriars.
- " 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- " 235, Nine Muses, Clarendon Hotel, Bond-street.
- " 548, Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
- " 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Ancrely.
- Mark Lodge, Kent, George Hotel, Aldermanbury.
- Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, George Hotel, Aldermanbury, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 7.30.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction (382), Hotel de Cologne, 60 and 61, Haymarket, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Metropolitan Railway, Victoria Station, at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753) Knights of St. John's Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Prestonian Club of Instruction (for M.M.'s only), Lyceum Tavern, Strand.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11.

- Festival of the Royal Freemasons' School for Girls.
- Committee R. M. Benevolent Institution, at 3.
- Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.
- " 15, Kent, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-st.
- " 87, Vitruvian, White Hart Hotel, College-street, Lambeth.
- " 147, Justice, White Swan, Deptford.
- " 212, Euphrates, George Hotel, Aldermanbury.
- " 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse.
- " 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
- " 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1228, Beacontree, private rooms, Leytonstone.
- " 1260, Hervey, George Hotel, Walham Green.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8.
- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), Bull & Gate, Kentish Town-road, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction (193), Railway Tavern, Railway-place, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
- Strong Mau Lodge of Instruction, The Grapes Tavern, Duke-street, Manchester-square, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.

- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8; Bro. C. H. Pedler, Preceptor.
- Sydney Lodge of Instruction (829), Cambridge Hotel, Upper Norwood, at 7.30.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 7.30; Bro. I. Terry, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, MAY 12.

- Lodge 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 206, Friendship, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- " 263, Bank of England, Radley's Htl., Blackfriars.
- " 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Docks.
- " 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Goat and Compasses, Easton-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Club of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, 42, Bath-street, City-road.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.

FRIDAY, MAY 13.

- Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 134, Caledonian, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- K.T. Encampment, Faith & Fidelity, Freemasons' Tav.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Pier Htl., Chelsea.
- Stability Lodge of Instruction, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-street, at 6.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Domestic Chapter of Instruction, Metropolitan Railway, Victoria Station; Comp. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, George Hotel, Aldermanbury, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
- United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction, Horns Tavern, Kennington, at 7.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Htl., Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Br. Putsford, Preceptor.
- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Br. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

SATURDAY, MAY 14.

- Installation of the Earl de Grey and Ripon as Grand Master, at 4.
- Lodge 108, London, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 176, Caveac, Radley's Hotel, Blackfriars.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7.

ST. MARK'S HOSPITAL for FISTULA, CITY ROAD.

A festival dinner, to celebrate the 35th anniversary of this excellent charity, took place on Monday evening last week, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, and was well attended.

Mr. SHERIFF PATERSON presided, and in proposing the toast of the evening, "Success to St. Mark's Hospital," after adverting to the benefits conferred by the institution, said: But, unfortunately, there is a dark side to the picture. The resources of the hospital are so inadequate that the Committee find it impossible, with the present revenue, to maintain more than 22 beds, while the hospital is capable of holding 50. For some time past the directors have struggled hard against thus diminishing the usefulness of the institution. They have kept open 34 beds, at an excess of expenditure over their income amounting to nearly £1,000. But one issue looked them in the face were this relation continued any time—the closing of the hospital. They have, therefore, come to the conclusion that it is truer charity to give a diminished amount of relief permanently rather than to continue the larger amount for a short time, and then refuse all further aid. This reduction, however, is tantamount to an exclusion of 120 patients per annum. The receipts from all sources for the past year amount only to £5,428. None of the items, however, come under the head of reliable income, except the meagre sum of £442, annual subscriptions, aided by £604 in donations—in all, £1,046. With exceptional and extraneous aid, and with the expedient of reducing the number of beds, the year's accounts show no balance of debt. The directors earnestly hope that the liberal co-operation of the well-wishers of the charity will enable them to open at least some of the beds now closed. The Chairman concluded his eloquent speech by alluding to the services of the able and indefatigable Secretary.

The SECRETARY (Bro. J. Pike) announced subscriptions amounting to nearly £1,400.

The dinner, served under the superintendance of the manager (Bro. W. G. Jennings), was in the style for which the establishment is distinguished. The intervals between the toasts were enlivened by admirable singing by Miss Banks, Miss Eyles, Mr. W. J. Fielding, and Mr. Chaplain Henry. Mr. Fielding directed, and Mr. Joyce Fielding presided at the pianoforte. Bro. Henry Harker, jun., was an able toastmaster.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

### DEATHS.

CREW.—On the 3rd instant, Bro. Francis Crew, for many years Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

LAW.—On the 13th ultimo, at Edinburgh, aged 36 years, Bro. Charles Stuart Law, G.D.C., Scotland.

M'EWAN.—On 4th inst., at 133, Sydney-street, Glasgow, aged 3½ years, Rebecca, daughter of Bro. M'Ewan, M.M. No. 4, Treas. 69, R.A. Mariner, Red + 69, &c.

WEAVER.—On the 30th ultimo, in her 73rd year, the Mother of Bro. James Weaver, W.M. of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862.

An extraordinary press of matter has crowded out this week our review of Bro. Hargrave Jennings' interesting work on the Rosicrucians, an article by Bro. Carpenter on the "Symbolism of Numbers," and various important communications and reports.

The article in last week's issue on "Joshua," was by Bro. Carpenter—his name was omitted.

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### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE third Charity Festival for the year is now approaching, and we cannot allow the occasion to pass without saying a few words upon the subject.

In our appeal for the Boys' School we were compelled to allude to the peculiar position in which that institution was placed, and to urge upon our readers the necessity of rallying round it, and by their liberal contributions extinguish the debt by which its usefulness was curtailed and its progress impeded. Happily, the same remarks will not apply to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, inasmuch as its finances are in a very flourishing state, and its future prospects are most satisfactory. Still, it by no means follows that the English Craft should relax in their efforts to maintain the prosperity of the institution at its present high standard; on the contrary, the judicious way in which the funds are managed, and the care with which unnecessary expenses are avoided, ought to be incentives to increased exertions on the part of all who desire to see their money well and faithfully applied.

From the published statements of the House Committee we extract the following account of the origin and subsequent history of the school, and we commend it to the earnest attention of our readers:—

The Royal Freemasons' Institution for Girls was instituted on the 25th March, 1788, at the suggestion of the late Chevalier Bartholomew Ruspini, Surgeon-dentist to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, for the purpose of clothing, educating, and maintaining a limited number of female children, orphans or otherwise, of brethren belonging to the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of England, whose reduced circumstances in life might prevent them affording their female offspring a suitable education. His late Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, with other members of the Royal Family, the nobility, the clergy, and gentry, and many of the most influential and benevolent members of the Craft, gave the project their warmest support, and by their united efforts established this institution, which has preserved numbers of children from the dangers and misfortunes to which females are peculiarly exposed, trained them up in the knowledge and love of virtue and habits of industry, and cultivated the

practice of social, moral, and religious duties as might best conduce to their temporal welfare and eternal happiness.

A school-house was erected by the Governors in 1793, near the Obelisk, St. George's Fields, on leasehold ground belonging to the Corporation of the City of London, which lease expired in 1851. When that building was erected, it stood in the midst of fields, and although situated in a low and damp position, yet such care had been taken with the drainage, that the house was considered dry and healthy. The original cost of the building was upwards of £3,000; this amount, was much more than doubled by subsequent expenditure for repairing the foundation and altering the interior arrangements. At the expiration of the term in 1851, it was found that the lease could only be renewed at a very heavy increase of rent, and that a very large outlay would again be required to adapt the building to the modern requirements of such an establishment. Under the advice of the medical officers, it was determined, instead of laying out a large sum upon this leasehold property, to purchase freehold ground in a locality more open and less liable to future obstruction. Means were consequently adopted for finding such a situation, and eventually about three acres of freehold land were purchased on the high ground of Battersea Rise, adjoining Wandsworth Common, possessing all the desired recommendations—open country, pure air, gravelly soil, a plentiful supply of water, near proximity to church accommodation, easy access by railroad, pleasant and healthful walks, sufficient room for play-grounds, and ample garden ground for supplying the institution with vegetables and fruit. Upon this land a building has been erected, which contains all the appliances required for the health and comfort of its inmates, and is considered an ornament to the neighbourhood in which it stands.

It is well-known that the "Girls' School," as it is fondly and familiarly called, is the oldest of our Masonic Institutions—the first practical expression of that virtue which should ever distinguish a true Mason. Eighty-two years have passed away since the commencement of the good work which has since borne such noble fruit. The mustard-seed planted in faith has grown up and become a mighty tree, whose branches afford shelter and protection to a large number of the female children of our distressed or deceased brethren.

Every sentiment of chivalry, and every feeling of honour and respect for the gentler sex are enlisted in such a cause, and cold must be the heart and stolid the soul which can witness unmoved the appeal for help of those who have such peculiar claims upon our charity, and whom Providence in its wisdom has bereft of their natural protectors.

Let those who would fully realise the value of the institution visit the school itself, and see the admirable character of its internal arrangements. Let them see the happy faces of the children at play, if they require evidence of the fact that kindness is the rule of government there; and, again, to show that order and discipline are maintained, let them behold the same children in the school-room, at their lessons, or their calisthenic exercises. Fortunately, in Miss Davis the institution possesses a governess of rare tact and ability, and the best proof of her power is the obedience with which her rules are observed, and the manifest affection with which she is regarded by the children. The excellent matron, Miss Jarwood—herself a former pupil of the institution—is likewise a pattern of all that is good and amiable in the discharge of her responsible duties, and the entire staff of the institution are evidently actuated by a sincere desire to promote the comfort of the children, and

to maintain the honour and prestige of the school.

Nor must we forget the labours of the House Committee, for upon their shoulders an onerous trust is reposed, and for the fulfilment of which we owe them our warmest thanks.

With executive officers like Bros. Patten, the Secretary, and Muggeridge, the Collector, nothing is left to desire; both are so well-known for energy and zeal that comment would be superfluous.

We congratulate the Craft upon possessing such a noble institution, and we congratulate its officers upon the success which has hitherto attended their efforts. And let us express the hope, that with one hundred Stewards, and under the genial chairmanship of Bro. W. W. Bramston Beach, Provincial Grand Master for Hants, the festival of 1870 will surpass in its results for the charity all its predecessors; that notwithstanding the recent herculean exertions on behalf of the Boys' School, and the continued depression of trade, we shall be enabled not only to maintain undiminished, but if possible, to increase, the prosperity of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

### Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

#### THE RED CROSS ORDER.

Bros. Hughan and R. W. L. both seem to forget that the real point at issue is the claim made on behalf of the *Masonic* Order to a descent and connection from and with the genuine Order, and that at present we are not making an inquiry into the authenticity or antiquity of the Masonic degree called the Red Cross. In reality it matters very little whether the Duke of Sussex was Grand Master of a Masonic Order identical in every respect with the Red Cross of to-day, but it becomes a question of momentous interest when he is represented not only as this, but as the Grand Master of the ancient and illustrious Order of Constantine the Great, and I think we are fairly entitled to draw the conclusion that he is so represented, from the remarks of R. W. L. on several occasions. If this can be proved, then the present Grand Master Lord Kenlis is necessarily, under the constitution of that Order, the titular Emperor of the Byzantine Empire, and as such we are bound to show him every respect and consideration. If it cannot be proved, then let the chiefs of the Masonic Order come forward and say, "We have been in error when we claim a descent from the genuine Order, and we acknowledge our mistake." I think that in such a case, every brother Mason, would at once accord to them whatever honour they might be entitled to as representing a Masonic degree of some antiquity as those things go. Bro. Hughan evidently (from the tone of his last article) goes the length of making this *amende honorable*, but I should like to know to what extent he is supported by his *confrères* in the "Imperial Council" and "Grand Senate?" I have not the slightest hesitation in agreeing with this brother that the Masonic Red Cross Order is just as legitimate as any of the other Orders in Freemasonry, but so long as the chiefs claim for it a Chivalric origin which is totally contrary to both history and common sense, so long will their pretensions be attacked and exposed. Let the name and title of the Order be for the future "The Red Cross of Rome," dropping Constantine altogether, and make a sufficient alteration in the style of the insignia and the titles of the officers.

I do not think any one will be inclined to



cavil at a *purely Masonic* degree which claims no other origin or antiquity than a Masonic one. I am a great advocate for peace and quietness, and I should be delighted to see several obstacles to harmonious working between the various governing Masonic bodies, at least, smoothed over, if not totally removed. A slight concession like this would actually improve the position of the Red Cross Order, and tend to remove a certain amount of suspicion with which it is looked on by the general Masonic public.

While we give every credit to the revivers of the Masonic Order for their zeal, we must regret that their want of archaeological research has thus placed them on the horns of a dilemma.

C. F. MATIER, 30°

ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

I shall be obliged to any brother who will kindly inform me what is the meaning of the following passage in a report of a meeting of the Plantagenet Conclave of the Red Cross Order at page 208 of your last issue: "A commandery of the Holy Order of St. John was then opened, and the above-named Knights, after the usual preliminaries, were dubbed and created Knights of St. John the Evangelist."

LUPUS.

I should be obliged if you could tell me if there is a degree called Red Cross Sword of Babylon, and if there is such a degree, if it is a Christian one.

J. RANSOME.

[Yes; the degree is worked in Scotland under the Grand R.A. Chapter, and also in some parts of England. It is strictly Jewish, like the R.A.—Ed. F.]

There is a letter in an old number of the *Record* (signed September 13, 1864, Pastor Sexagenarius), referring to a question put by "A Candidate for Orders," whether there was "anything in the general management and proceedings of the Freemasons to prevent a clergyman from becoming the chaplain, or at least a member of the lodge, in his own parish." If any clerical brother would kindly let me see any reply which may have been made to that question, and inserted in the *Record* of that month, I shall be greatly obliged, and will return any paper, written or printed, if required.

A NORFOLK CURATE.

VISITING AND NON-SUBSCRIBING MEMBERS.

I shall be very happy to "enlighten A. Young Member of the Craft," and will answer his question as to whether a "brother ceasing to subscribe to any lodge through sudden poverty incapacitates him from any more enjoying the benefits of visiting a lodge," by quoting the *Law* on the subject in the *Constitutions* of 1867. "A brother who is not a subscribing member to a lodge shall not be permitted to visit any lodge in the town or place where he resides any more than once during his secession from the Craft" (page 89 on Visitors). This no doubt seems hard in the case of a brother who is prevented from paying his subscriptions by "sudden poverty," but all laws press hard somewhere, although they may be for the general good, and I am persuaded that the above is a very wholesome and just law, as many Masons cease to subscribe to our funds who are well able to pay, and yet some have to my certain knowledge visited their mother lodge in the town in which they reside when non-contributing members to any lodge, and even sat down at the banqueting table as free members.

Whenever such glaring violations of the *latus* have come under my "ken," I have directed the Master's attention to the above regulation, in the belief that justice to *subscribing members* demands such a clause in the "Constitutions" to be strictly obeyed. If a member becomes unable to pay his subscription he is not precluded from receiving relief either from the lodge, the Prov. Grand Lodge, or the Grand Lodge (without his visiting either), so long as the rules are observed respecting applications for charity.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE 1717 THEORY (page 211).

Bro. W. P. Buchan is mistaken when he says "Bro. C. I. Paton is backing out of his remarks." In my article on the "Relation of St. John the

Baptist to Freemasonry," I used the words "present method," but *not* in the meaning which Bro. W. P. Buchan turns them to at page 110 (41st line from the top). A simple reference to it will suffice anyone. The words to be found there are: "For the present method of Scottish Freemasonry has been handed down from very ancient times. There is no fixed date in these words. The present method applied to the holding, as a festival, St. John the Baptist's day, also designating "Craft Masonry" as "St. John's Masonry." I do not admit that we knew nothing of *speculative* Freemasonry prior to 1717. Bro. W. P. Buchan says: "It will take more than I have yet seen to prove the 1717 theory a mistake." As yet we have seen nothing more than an assumption by Bro. W. P. Buchan that our "present system" of Freemasonry was invented by Bros. Desaguliers, Anderson, and others. The assumption runs that "I say so, I say so;" but proofs which he calls from everyone else is found *awaiting* in himself. I refer your readers to a letter which appeared in a newspaper, and a copy of which I expect will appear in another number of THE FREEMASON. I repeat, that in consequence of all my spare time being devoted to several Masonic works, until they are published I cannot devote the time to enter into the 1717 theory; but on their completion I will take up the whole question, and show it to be a mistake.

CHALMERS I. PATON.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The usual Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of London was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall.

Present: Rev. John Huyshe, M.A., Prov. G. Supt. for Devonshire, as Z.; Samuel Rawson, P. Dist. G. Supt. for China, as H.; Frederick Pattison (P.N.), as J.; John Hervey, E.; William Pulteney Scott, as N.; Samuel Leith Tomkins, P. Soj.; George W. K. Potter and Ed. S. Snell, as Asst. Soj's.; Aeneas J. McIntyre, Registrar; Conrad C. Dumas, Standard Bearer; Joshua Nunn, Dir. of Cers.; Benj. Head, P.S.B.; H. Browse, P.S.B.; W. E. Walmisley, P.S.B.; Rev. Charles R. Davy, P. Soj.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P. Soj.; John Udall, P. Soj.; Rev. Richard J. F. Thomas, P. Soj.; J. Smith, P.D.C.; N. Bradford, P.D.C.; A. Holman, P. Standard B.; and among the companions we noticed Comps. Geo. M. Snow (H. 754), H. G. Buss (P.Z. 177), James Brett (P.Z. 177), J. R. Sheen (P.Z. 185), J. N. Gottlieb (P.Z. 508), J. G. Willson (P.Z. 754), W. Platt (P.Z. 19), B. P. Atkins (M.E.Z. 754), J. M. Paget (J. 754), W. H. Andrew (P.Z. 19), A. A. Pendlebury (1056), W. Ough (P.Z. 749), W. West Smith (J. 79), R. Spencer (P.Z. 3), Dr. J. Potts (P.Z. 754), F. Adlard (P.Z. 214), W. Hamilton (P.Z. 754).

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed.

The regulations for the government of Grand Chapter were read.

The following report, a copy of which was in the hands of all the companions, was, on motion made, taken as read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:—

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

"The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th January, to the 18th April, 1870, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance 17th January	...	£423	13	6
„ Subsequent Receipts	...	247	17	3
		£671	10	9
By Purchase of £154 11s. 10d. Consols, at 92½, and Commission	...	£143	0	0
„ Disbursements during the Quarter	...	123	14	4
„ Balance	...	399	16	5
		£671	10	9

which balance is in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., Bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

"The Committee beg to report that at the last Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter the Committee were directed to summon the Chapter of Concord, No. 394, Southampton, to show cause why the Chapter should not be erased for irregularity and contumacy. A communication has since been received from the Chapter expressing contrition and giving explanations which show some extenuating circumstances, with assurances that offences against discipline shall not occur again. The Committee, under the circumstances, are of opinion that the proposed proceedings against the Chapter, No. 394, should not be prosecuted, but that Bro. Cyprian Wollowicz who was illegally and irregularly exalted should be re-exalted, and that the Chapter should be fined, for the irregularity, two guineas. And the Committee recommend the same accordingly.

"The Committee have likewise to report that they have received petitions—

"1st. From Companions Joseph Pearkes Fox Grundy as Z., William Chick as H., John Staines Webb as J., and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Mary's Lodge, No. 707, Bridport, to be called 'The St. Mary's Chapter,' and to meet at the Bull Hotel, Bridport, Dorsetshire.

"2nd. From Companions Richard Samuel Lines as Z., John Thompson as H., James Slack as J., and eight others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834, Hammersmith, to be called 'The Andrew Chapter,' and to meet at the Royal Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith, in the County of Middlesex.

"3rd. From Companions John Case as Z., William Dodd as H., James Potter as J., and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Furness Lodge, No. 995, Ulverston, to be called 'The Furness Chapter,' and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Theatre-street, Ulverston, Lancashire.

"4th. From Companions George Muddiman Lofthouse as Z., Henry Priest Mayle as H., Richard Tuton as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Athole Lodge, No. 1004, Douglas, Isle of Man, to be called 'The Athole Chapter,' and to meet at the Douglas Hotel, Douglas, Isle of Man.

"The foregoing petitions being all in respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

"A petition for a charter for a Chapter to be attached to the Tynwald Lodge, No. 1242, Douglas, Isle of Man, has also been received. This petition is in all respects regular. But it appears to the Committee that it would not be desirable that the prayer of the petition should be granted, inasmuch as there are only two lodges in the town of Douglas, both of which now petition for charters for Chapters. The Committee being of opinion that there is not room for two Chapters in Douglas at present, recommended the petitioners to amalgamate; but as their recommendation has not been accepted, they have taken into full consideration the two petitions, and they have in the paragraph immediately preceding recommended that a charter should be granted to the Chapter to be attached to the Athole Lodge, No. 1004, Douglas. It is the elder and more numerous lodge, and the Committee submit their opinion to the consideration of the Supreme Grand Chapter with a recommendation that it should be adopted.

"The Committee have also to report that they have received a petition from the Principals and other members of the High Cross Chapter, which is at present attached to the High Cross Lodge, No. 754, Tottenham, Middlesex, praying that the Chapter may be detached from the aforesaid lodge, and be henceforth attached to the Sydney Lodge, No. 829, Sidcup, Kent, and to meet at the Bull Hotel, Dartford, Kent.

"This Memorial is regular in form, and is accompanied with resolutions from both the lodges signifying their assent to the proposed arrangement. The Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

"The following Notice of Motion has been received for the next Quarterly Convocation, from Companion John Savage, Past Sword Bearer:—

"That the business of the Quarterly Convocations do commence at 'eight' o'clock p.m., and that the word 'eleven' be struck out of the second line of clause 9, at page 8 of the Royal Arch Regulations, and the word 'ten' be inserted in lieu thereof.

(Signed) W. PULTENEY SCOTT, "Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. President.

"20th April, 1870."

The following E. Companions were appointed officers of the Chapter for the ensuing year, viz, E. Comps. —

The Right Hon. the Earl de Grey and Ripon	...	Z.
Earl of Carnarvon	...	H.
Lord de Tabley	...	J.
John Hervey	...	E.
Sir F. Martyn Williams, Bt., M.P.	...	N.
Rev. C. J. Martyn	...	P.S.
Walter F. Short	...	1st Asst. S.
W. Romaine Callender, jun	...	2nd Asst. S.
Samuel Tomkins	...	Treasurer.
A. E. J. McIntyre	...	Registrar.
Thomas Fenn	...	Sword-bearer.
E. Turner Payne	...	Standard-bearer.
R. W. Hollow	...	Director of C.
C. B. Payne	...	Janitor.

All the charters for Chapters named in the report were duly granted, including the two for Lodges 1004 and 1224, Douglas, Isle of Man, the latter being granted after considerable discussion.

The petition from the Principals of the High Cross, No. 754, Tottenham, was discussed and the prayer thereof granted, consequently this Chapter will be attached to Lodge 829, and will meet at Dartford.

The Notice of Motion given by Comp. Savage was fully discussed, and on being put was negatived.

The following Committee for General Purposes was appointed for the ensuing 12 months:—

THE GRAND PRINCIPALS.			
E. Comp. Scott	...	President	
„ Head	...		Nominated by M.E.Z.
„ Fraser	...		
„ I. Brett, P.Z. 975,	...		Elected by G. Chapter.
„ J. Smith, „ 19,	...		
„ J. Savage, „ 7,	...		
„ J. Main, „ 820,	...		
„ H. Browse, „ 12,	...		
„ F. Adlard „ 214,	...		

All business having been concluded, the Grand Chapter was then closed in ancient and solemn form, and adjourned.

Original Correspondence.

The Editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed by Correspondents.

HEAR THE OTHER SIDE.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In February last a leader appeared in your journal headed "A Step in the Right Direction." Ostensibly, it advocated what is called "Christian" or "higher degrees;" actually, it was designed to justify the introduction of allusions to Christian saints and Christian doctrines into the work of the lodge. That I did not misunderstand the drift of its intention is evident from Bro. Carpenter's response the week following (Feb. 19). Bro. Carpenter pats the Jew on the back. "Surely (says he) no conscientious Jew could take offence at the avowal by any brother of his Christian conviction," which, with the et ceteras, means that no Jew ought to feel offended at a Christian brother constantly vaunting the superiority of Christianity over Judaism.

You tell us that "Christianity is the pivot upon which Operative Masonry turns," because its patrons in the Middle Ages were Christian priests, and further intimate that a Christian brother is debarred from privileges enjoyed by a Parsee, Mahomedan, and Jew. While they are allowed to be obligated on certain books, the "Christian brother cannot say a word about the New Testament." It appears to me that all enjoy the same privileges. It is one thing to be obligated on this or that book. In that respect, all enjoy the same privilege; but it is another thing to be allowed to talk about certain subjects contained in either of those books about which the brotherhood do not agree.

Nor can I see what the patronage of former Christian priests has to do with our speculative Masonry; or what "Operative Masons" had to do with Christianity; or what the present organisation has to do with the building societies of the Middle Ages! The aim and object of the Masonry then and now are entirely dissimilar. Then, the objects of the societies was not the promulgation of Christianity, but bread and butter. The then organisation was as much based on selfishness as those of any of our "trade unions." True, their constitutions required members to submit to Roman Catholic Christian discipline, and Catholic Bishops were patrons, &c., but what had Christianity to do with operative Masonry! If the then Masons chose to confine the privilege of membership to those only of the Roman Catholic Communion, what is that to us? Then, as already remarked, the object of the Fraternity was "bread and butter." When Catholic Priests employed them to build churches and convents in accordance with the then idea of Christian perfection, no one could find employment, or was admitted to fellowship except a Roman Catholic. The object of the present organisation is not selfishness or "bread and butter," but "to unite men of every country, sect, and opinion, be they what they may; and to cultivate and cement a true and sincere friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance." Now, how is that to be accomplished? Will you confine the privilege to the majority only of eulogising their own religion; or will you extend the same privilege also to the minority?

Religion, we know, is necessary to Speculative Masonry, but the question is what religion? or whose religion? Religion consists, first, in belief of a Supreme Being, or the G.A.O.T.U. Second, in practising morality and justice, by doing unto others as we would others under similar circumstances should do unto us. And thirdly, something else. About the first and second, there is no disagreement, but about the third, or the "something else," mankind differ.

It cannot be denied that the Christian, the Jew, the Mahomedan, &c., each regards the other's somethings, as erroneous and even superstitious. These "somethings" cannot all be true, because they are antagonistic; if either of them is true, it can only be one, but which one?

Now, if the Darwinian theory of gradual development is true, it is possible, that a time may come, when the digestive and other organs of the lion may become so altered, and his moral conscience may become so acute, that the lion and lamb may actually lie together in peace and unity. It is also possible that man's mental constitution may undergo such a change, that a Christian, a Jew, a Mahomedan, &c., may each in a Masonic lodge, expatiate on the superiority of his own something over the somethings of all present, without giving the slightest offence to any one.

I think, however, that the human mind as at present constituted, can no more suffer such transcendental practice without producing a commotion in the lodge, than to expect that the lion and lamb can now live together in good fellowship. Bro. Carpenter may indeed have had pleasant converse with an

Israelite about the merits and demerits of Christianity and Judaism, but did either convert the other? and on parting, did not the pious Bro. C. regard the Jew as blind and stiff-necked, &c.? and did not the Jew think Bro. Carpenter's argument very absurd? All this pleasant converse may, however, do very well to wile away an hour outside of the lodge, but let Bro. Moses, or Isaacs, or Levy of the Lodge of Joppa, of Israel or of the Tranquillity, make it a practice nightly, while in the lodge of flourishing superiority of the Mosaic religion, no matter how artfully and disguisedly it may be done, I venture to assert, that the Christian members of that lodge would feel offended thereat, would regard themselves insulted, would look upon it as impertinent, and though at first they might treat it with silent contempt, eventually, it would either produce an explosion, or the Christian members would leave such a lodge in disgust. In vain would Bro. Moses plead, "Surely no conscientious Christian could take offence at the avowal of any brother of his Mosaic convictions," &c., &c. Nor would the plea stand good, that according to tradition, in ancient times Masonry was patronised by Hebrew Kings and priests, and "that it follows that we have accepted a Jewish inheritance," &c. Let us now look upon it from another stand-point. Suppose that our very tolerant brother is a member of St. Patrick's Lodge, nineteen-twentieths of whose members are Roman Catholics. Bro. O'Connell, the W.M., is pleaded nightly to expatiate on the sublimity of the doctrines of the "real presence," "the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin," "the Infallibility of the Pope," &c. Will not eventually, even Bro. Carpenter himself, either become provoked to challenge discussion on those topics, or protest against the turning of St. Patrick's Lodge into a Roman Catholic Church? or leave the said lodge in anger? and how would he feel, when Bro. O'Connell justified his conduct on the plea, that in the middle ages, the patrons of the Fraternity were priests of the Roman Catholic Church? &c. But suppose even that Bro. Carpenter had actually arrived at that imagined state of perfection, so that he could listen with pleasure, or even with indifference to Bro. O'Connell's orations, how many other Protestant brethren can one find so transcendentalised?

My brother, we must take human nature as it is, and as it is, we can only succeed in our mission of uniting men of divers religions into a harmonious whole, and of cementing a true and sincere friendship between them, by leaving out all the issues upon which they differ, and confining ourselves while in the lodge, "to the universal religion, the religion in which all agree."

Respectfully and fraternally yours,  
JACOB NORTON.  
Boston, U.S., April 8th, 1870.

CONSTANTINE THE GREAT.  
(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A writer in a late number of THE FREEMASON, signing himself "W. G. Doric," has been good enough to call in question my historical accuracy, and to stigmatise my remarks in a late number of your contemporary, as "scurrilous." As I am not going to criticise the valuable information given us by this gentleman, I will merely ask you to publish the list of some of the works relating to Constantine the Great, which I have appended to this letter, and which I am certain will be useful to every student of history, as I believe this is the first time these references have ever been collectively presented. If, therefore, those of your readers who are interested in the controversy, will kindly take the trouble to consult the undermentioned works, they will be in a position to judge whose statements are correct. With respect to the charge of "scurrility," I am of opinion that the writer has rather exceeded the bounds of both common politeness and literary criticism, but will content myself with capping his quotation with one from the burlesque of "Midas":

"When the judgment's weak,  
The prejudice is strong."

I am, dear Sir and Brother,  
Yours fraternally,  
C. F. MATIER.

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HURAM ABIFF.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—After a good deal of controversy we had of late in your valuable paper on the subject, we must admit that we have as yet failed to explain the true meaning of the passage in 2 Chron. iv. 16, "did Hiram his father, make to King Solomon," or as Luther translates it, "Machte Hiram Abiff dem Kuninge Salomo," Bro. Carpenter says himself, in page 141 of your paper, that it is a passage of great difficulty.

I, therefore, beg the attention of your readers to the two passages 2 Chron. 11-13 "of Hiram my father," and iv. 16 "Hiram his father," as it has been explained by some of those ancient and learned Jewish commentators, quoted by me on page 188 of your valuable paper.

The passage "of Hiram my father" they give us two explanations:—1st

לחרם אבי, אומן חנם של אבי הויה, גם שלי הוא

"of Hiram my father (has this meaning) a wise workman of my father and to me."

Second explanation.

או הלמד הוא במקדם את, ועל האמן אמר, כי גם שמו היה חורם, וקראו אבי בלשון השוברת, על רוב חכמתו, כי אב ענין שר וחשוב

"or the (letter) ל (which is rendered) of is placed

for the word אה, and, referring to the builder, as his name was also Hiram, and he (the King) calls him אבי אבי, father, as a title of honour for his great wisdom, as אב אב father was a title to great men." According to this explanation the passage before us will read thus, as in Luther's Bible. "So sende ich nun einen weisen mann der ferstand Hat Hiram Abiff," the word Abiff referring to Hiram the builder as a title, see Bro. Carpenter's letter, page 141 of your paper, and Genesis iv. 20 and 21, the word אבי, father, is spoken of as a founder of anything. Now in fourth chapter 16,

עשה חורם אביו למלך שלמה פירש, חכלים האלה עשה חורם טובם ופיעם נאביו, כלומר נחרם אביו, שהיה נודע ומפורסם באומנותו, כמו שאמר למעלה יודע בזה ובבכסה, יחכר מאביו כף רבים, כמו לב שמח יטיב גהה, חשמושי, וכמוהו שפי נגהה

"Did Hiram his father make to King Solomon," has this meaning, this Tabs did Hiram so well and good, like Hiram his father; that is to say, like his father, that was known (by fame) to be an able workman, as it says skilful to work in gold and silver; and though it has not the כ, so as to make render like his father, we find many places, like it, as in Prov. xvii. 22, "A merry heart



does good **גודל** medicine, which it means *like* medicine." From the above the passage iv. 16 will read to us thus: "the tabs also, and the shovels, and the fleshhooks, and all their instruments, did Hiram *like* his father make to King Solomon," see Rabbi David Kimchi's commentator on Chronicles.

I shall beg your reader's attention also to Rabbi Solomon Jarchi (known as **רשי**) and all the others explanation of the words in the 2 chap. 14, "and his father was a man of Tyre."

**יהודי היה יושב בצור, דוגמא, עובד אדום בגרתי**

"He was really a Jew, but lived in Tyre, and he was called a Tyrian like Obededom in 2 Sam. vi. 10, is called the "Gittite" because he lived there, for Obededom was one of the Levites (see 1 Chron. xv. 18-21), so likewise, Hiram is called a Tyrian *only* because he lived in Tyre.

Yours fraternally,  
D. STOLZ.

UNIFORMITY OF WORKING.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There never can be an uniformity of working, for several reasons, the principal being that we have to commit to memory the whole of our ceremonies (learned auricularly) and transmit them orally. But I should very much like to hear our beautiful ceremonies given grammatically and with sense, so that the candidate shall understand what he hears, and the W.M. shall perfectly understand what he is communicating. Unless the W.M. does fully understand his subject, it is impossible for him to make his candidate believe otherwise than that he is listening to a nonsensical compilation. It only requires a brother to observe whilst learning the ceremonies that each sentence is sense and grammar.

I am delighted to see that our esteemed Brother Carpenter has taken up the subject, and hope that he will be able to spare a little time in giving us a hint occasionally, as he has done. With regard to Bro. Stevens' motion for uniformity of work, in my opinion, that motion can never be carried. I give him the greatest credit for the zeal he has shown on the subject, and it is bound to do good in the end, but I cannot divest myself of the impression that instead of asking Grand Lodge to sanction an uniformity of working, it would have been better to have asked Grand Lodge to appoint officers to visit Lodges of Instruction and see that that they are working correctly, and not propagating choice bits of bad grammar, &c. Let every Preceptor be appointed by Grand Lodge; if any portion of the ceremonies or lectures be given incorrectly, let it be put right at once. No one is infallible; we are all liable to mistakes at times, and we can always learn, even from our children. There is another point very objectionable, and that is the hurrying through the ceremonies; and the motive power to that is the fear of dictation from some anxious brother who thinks because you have made a slight pause to regain breath, that you have lost the thread of your subject, and he in his anxiety dictates—perhaps incorrectly, thereby shunting you quite off; then you have to return to the point, and if that is done often, what effect does it have on the candidate? He comes to the conclusion that you do not know what you are talking about!

No, you may depend upon it that uniformity of working is a failure, but sense and grammar in our ceremonies are not hopeless. If every W.M.-elect will determine to make himself perfectly acquainted with the ceremonies before he accepts the highest honour the Craft can bestow upon any of its members, and conscientiously feel and understand what he is talking about, we should have no cause to waste the time of Grand Lodge that could be better employed.

In conclusion, allow me to give a little advice to the brethren below the chair. What is worth doing at all is worth doing well—that is, to the utmost of your zeal and ability—and before accepting office make up your mind to discharge the duties of that office so that your W.M. may be proud of his officers. Remember that every office you learn is lessening the amount of work you will have to learn for the Master's chair. It is simply walking up so many stairs one at a time, which is tolerably easy, but it is somewhat difficult to stride up a whole flight with one step.

Kindly accept my apology for trespassing upon your valuable space, and believe me,

Dear Sir and Brother,  
Yours faithfully and fraternally,  
JAMES WEAVER,  
W.M. Whittington Lodge, No. 862.

UTILITY OF CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In forwarding you the enclosed two letters for your approval, I cannot

forbear giving my testimony to the great benefit that is arising from your opening your columns to correspondence calling attention to irregularities in lodges. Some few weeks ago, under a *nom de plume*, I called attention to great irregularities that were being practised in some of our lodges here. Since then, in one of the greatest offenders there has been a complete reform. I will not assume, for fear of being charged with egotism, that my letter produced any effect, but as it and other letters were discussed here at the time, and as I know the esteemed W.M. of that lodge, and several of his officers and prominent brethren read THE FREEMASON, it is very probable they have profited by the contents of some of the letters that appeared at the time, as since then there has been a marked improvement, and an adherence to Constitutions in matters relating to Lodges of Emergency, &c. The pleasing improvement in this lodge is somewhat marred by the fact, that an old lodge of very high repute both for its working and its care in the selection of members, has apparently been inoculated with the general looseness, and has recently held (to say the least of it) a very questionable Lodge of Emergency.

Yours fraternally,

Sunderland, May 2nd, 1870. J. H. C.  
[Other two letters next week. —ED. F.]

HIRAM ABIF.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In common with others of your readers, I perused the remarks of Bro. E. M. Epstein, M.D., on this subject, as given at page 181, but was rather surprised at their contents, and prefer to hold by the remarks of Bro. Carpenter at page 80, Feb. 5th. Bro. Epstein's letter I have no doubt might have passed muster in many quarters ten years ago or so, but now we are getting to be a little less romantic in our Masonic ideas and rather more critical, and, I trust I may also add, more truthful, hence "the Masonic light" which Bro. Epstein speaks of so highly we now find to be Masonic ignorance.

The Masons simply adopted the current knowledge of the day in so far as they were able, hence the usual mistake of alluding to "the five noble Orders of Architecture," which idea was not known before the sixteenth century A.D., and was manufactured by the Palladian School. The composite is only a variety of the Corinthian. Had the Masons been able to store up knowledge from the neutral world, how did they not stand up for the *three* Orders, and repudiate the "five"? Then may I ask where Bro. Epstein was able to examine "the original Hebrew"? I was not aware there was an "original" MS. of the *Books of Kings and Chronicles* in existence. And as for Solomon, except in some instances, what was he but a vain glorious spendthrift, a man with a clever head, but, I am afraid, with a bad heart. He owed his position to the fact, that his father, one of the noblest heroes, and truest-hearted men of all antiquity, was born before him. We love to pass in review the many-changing scenes of David's life, and cull many lessons therefrom. When passion led him to the temporary committal of some foolish action, we see him ever rising superior to all its attacks, whereas such was the conduct of Solomon, that even while he yet lived, the fiat went forth that his posterity should not possess his kingdom, and I need not refer to the revolt of the ten tribes. From all this I consider that if we were a little milder in our Solomonic notions it would show more good sense.

As to the words in 2 Chron. iv. and 16th, "did Hiram his father make to King Solomon," I confess to being rather puzzled. The question is, who is the "Hiram" here alluded to? If we say, Hiram the worker in brass, then what mean the words, "his father" in the above connection? If it is really Hiram the worker in brass that is meant, there is possibly some mistake made in copying from the original MS., "his father" being written down in place of "the worker in brass," or something similar. However, if the "Hiram" here alluded to is Hiram the King, then probably he might well under the circumstances be designated "Hiram his father," as he had acted in a very fatherly way to Solomon and given him all the assistance in his power, and as it was one of his own artificers that he had sent to Solomon for an express purpose, then the words, "did Hiram his father make to King Solomon," would simply show that the contract entered into between Hiram and Solomon was now finished, and that Hiram, the artist, whom Hiram the King had sent, having done his work, was now at liberty to return to his own country, which for anything we know to the contrary, he thereafter did.

I am, yours fraternally,  
W. P. B.

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MAY ELECTION, 1870.

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AGED 60 YEARS,

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AGED 72.

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